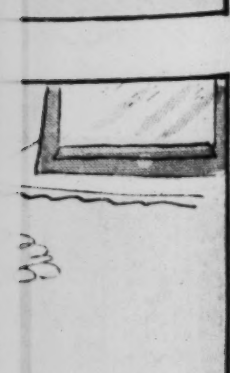
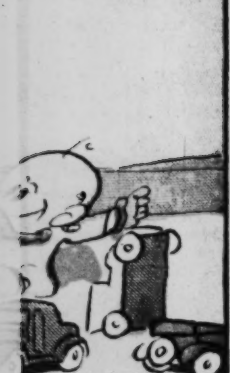
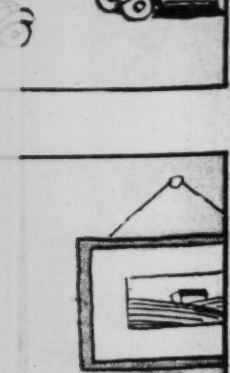
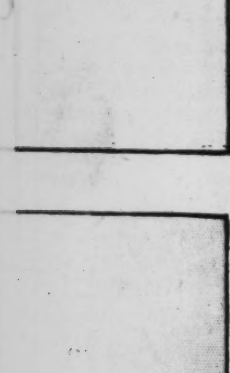




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Old Fashioned "Christmas Market" With Prices of Many Active Issues Up 3 to Nearly 21 Points.

GENERAL MOTORS RISE LATE IN DAY

International Harvester Extends Rise to More Than 20 Points in Afternoon Trading.

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—An old-fashioned "Christmas market," in which prices of many active issues moved up 3 to nearly 21 points, took place on the New York Stock Exchange today. Buying orders were distributed over a fairly broad list of issues, but bullish activities centered principally in stocks likely to benefit by holiday trade, or those in which special developments are reported to be pending next year. Trading was only moderately heavy in volume. Call money renewed at 9 per cent and appeared to be in fairly plentiful supply at that figure despite the calling of about \$10,000,000 in loans. Time money rates held firm.

Anacosta Rate Raised.
Pricing of Anacosta Copper stock on a \$5 annual basis, as against the former rate of \$4, was about in line with Wall Street's expectations, and was followed by the traditional "selling in the good news." The stock went today that the proposed Victor Talking Machine-Radio Corporation merger will be accompanied by a 5 for 1 split-up of Radio Corporation common and the issuance of a new second preferred stock, whereupon one share of new Radio common, one share of new Radio second preferred and \$5 in cash will be exchanged for each share of Victor.

Wide swings again took place in the high-priced specialties. International Harvester ran up 15 points, and Sears, Roebuck extended its gain to 14 1/2 points. All Chalmers soared nearly 10 points to a new high at 172.00. Elevator, Goodyear Rubber and Columbia Carbon jumped 7 1/2 to 14 1/2 points to new high records.

Motors are Bought.
Motor shares were heavily bought. Chrysler, with a gain of 4 points, led for time. American International ran up 9 1/2 points to 150, a new high, in anticipation, it was said, of a 2 for 1 stock split by Christie Brown, R. H. Macy, National Biscuit and St. Louis Northwestern all recorded large gains.

With the bulls in control of the move movement, General Motors in the late afternoon sold at 197 1/2, nearly 15 points above last Monday's low figure. International Harvester extended its rise to more than 20 points, while du Pont climbed 15 and National Tea 10. Values of 5 to 6 points were registered by American Express, Gold Bond, Vanadium Steel and A. M. Ryers. Prairie Oil and Gas, which was admitted to trading last week, declined to under 60.

Closing stock prices with other tables and market news will be found on the financial pages.

MRS. COOLIDGE HELPS SANTA

Wife of President at Celebration for Needy Children.
By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Coolidge adopted again today her role of assistant to Santa Claus by attending the annual Christmas meeting of the Central Union Mission, at which Christmas presents are distributed to needy youngsters of the city.

The meeting was held in Keith's Theater. Mrs. Coolidge appeared on the stage and made a short speech to the youngsters. Later she presented Santa Claus a great bouquet of roses which she said were from herself and the children of Mrs. Santa Claus.

No Crime News on Page One.
BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The Boston Traveler printed no news of crime, murder or accidents on its front page today. In accordance with practice begun five years ago, the first page was devoted to stories of Christmas and its observance here and elsewhere.

"Did You Get a Lion?" Only Words of King When He Recognized Eldest Son

Return of Prince of Wales From Africa Said to Have Been Turning Point in British Monarch's Condition.

By JOHN L. BALDERSTON, London Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch and New York World.
LONDON, Dec. 24.—There have been many divergent accounts in the press as to just what occurred on that night 12 days ago when the Prince of Wales reached Buckingham Palace after his journey from the African jungles to the bedside of his father, King George V.

The correspondent is able to give an authentic picture of the dramatic scene enacted in the royal sick room as told by the Prince himself. He considered him so weak that they feared he would never come out of the anesthetic.

Only Queen Mary never seemed to lose heart or confidence in her husband's eventual recovery.

Prince Entered Room.
It was not intended that the Prince should see his father that night on which his race over more than 6,000 miles ended. The Queen told him that, if he entered the sick room he would not be recognized. And this he was allowed to do while Sir Stanley Hewett remained by the half open door.

The Prince—not 20 minutes after he had left the special train

that brought him into London—stood looking down on his father. There was silence. A young nurse, the only witness of the meeting, had risen as the Prince entered. She stood motionless.

The King stirred uneasily, he opened his eyes. They rested on the Prince. They did not move. It seemed to the Prince, he said afterward to his friends, that there was recognition in those glazed eyes, even though he had been told that his father knew nobody.

The Prince saluted. It seemed a strange thing to do, but he could not take his father's hand; he might be mistaken; he did not wish to break the silence.

Did You Get a Lion?
There was a slight movement of the head on the pillow. A faint voice came—almost a whisper: "Did you get a lion?"

This time the Prince could not speak. He just gulped, and then nodded. The King turned his head again, and closed his eyes. The Prince tipped over to Sir Stanley Hewett at the door.

That was the turning point in King George's illness. He passed the best night he had had for more than five nights. The morning, the heart beats were stronger, the pulse steadier, and after consulting with the Prince and the Queen, the doctors decided to take the one chance and operate.

There may have been no connection between the King's recognition of his heir and the improvement that set in at once; but there can be no doubt that when the story is generally known, a new romance will be added to the legends of the British royal house.

HOOVER, ON WAY HOME, TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE ON BOARD UTAH

Presents Sent to Ship From Brazil Include Doctor's Degree, Cigars and Books.

RIO SAYS FAREWELL WITH FIREWORKS

Last Day of Visit Marked by Attendance at Church and Races—Key West Next Call.

By the Associated Press.
U. S. S. UTAH, Dec. 24.—Home-ward bound from his good will tour of Latin-America, President-elect Hoover turned his thoughts today to Christmas which will be celebrated aboard ship tomorrow in true American style.

Before sailing from Rio de Janeiro, the Utah took aboard a Christmas tree and decorations. Ship carpenters were busy today setting up the tree and also tables on the quarterdeck for a general dinner to the Hoover party and the ship's officers. Many presents were brought aboard the ship to enliven the spirit of the occasion.

To most of the Hoover party, Christmas day aboard a ship will be a novel experience. It is to Mr. Hoover, however, a day of unusual, since their first Christmas after their marriage was on the shipboard while they were on their way to China and they had been at sea several times since.

On boarding the ship, Hoover found a number of presents awaiting him as well as others of his party and he opened all of them. Among them was a doctor's degree from Brazil University as well as a certificate as honorary chairman of the Brazilian Red Cross, enclosed in a handsome portfolio.

Hoover is a trustee of the American Red Cross and on taking over the presidency will become president of the American organization.

Other gifts from Brazil included a set of books on engineering and other subjects, a dozen boxes of cigars and a picture of Rio de Janeiro.

In bidding farewell to Rio de Janeiro, Hoover stood on the deck as the Utah passed out to sea and watched the display of fireworks. The display began opposite the anchorage of the Utah and lasted until the mouth of harbor, four miles distant, was reached. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoover stood on the deck watching the display which emanated from myriad mountains as the searchlights of the Utah criss-crossed in answer to the most colorful farewell that Hoover received on his whole Latin-American tour.

President-Elect Attends Races.
Hoover's last day in Brazil began with morning church services. Then he was luncheon host at the United States Embassy with Ambassador Morgan to President Luis Stacey on Troubadour Creek last night.

Taylor Stacy, 3 years old; Sally Stacy, 5; Richmond Stacy, 7, and Polly Stacy, 14, all died from burns suffered in the fire following the explosion. Mrs. Stacy, her daughter, Frankie, 17, and a year-old daughter were burned seriously. Cornelius Stacy, a sawmill operator, was near by at the time of the explosion, but arrived too late to save his children.

LOST SHEEP FOUND BY PLANE

Thousands Located in Idaho After Three-Day Search.

By the Associated Press.
BURLEY, Idaho, Dec. 24.—Ranchers in this vicinity have located an airplane successfully in localities thousands of sheep lost during a recent blinding snowstorm.

The plane was brought from Pocatello and after flying over the Black Pine Mountain slopes for three days succeeded in directing herders to all the missing flocks.

No Publication Tomorrow

The Post-Dispatch will not publish tomorrow, Tuesday, Dec. 25th.

In the event only of receipt of news of extraordinary importance, demanding immediate publication, an extra will be issued.



Two Bungalows Destroyed in Explosion
At the left, the bungalow at 2301 Macklind avenue in which the sole occupant, Mrs. Hannah Clancy, was injured. To the right, the foundation at 2243 Macklind from which Jack La Mana's bungalow was blown to pieces. The family of four was away.

KING GEORGE IS ABLE TO TAKE A LITTLE FOOD

Natural Sleep Also Contributing to Improvement—Last of His Sons Home.

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 24.—King George was doing probably as well as could be expected today in the slow progress from his grave illness and there was a united family at Buckingham Palace for the Christmas holidays.

The Duke, who reached Southampton from South Africa unexpectedly early today, reached Buckingham Palace this forenoon and greeted his mother shortly after arrival. Shortly before his father's physicians had issued this bulletin:

The very slow progress in His Majesty's local and general condition continues. No bulletin will be issued until Tuesday evening.

The King has had a quiet night. The local condition continues to show progress. The general condition remains unchanged.

The King has showed a greater willingness to take food and has enjoyed a natural sleep. These two were considered the most important factors in his recovery.

The fish swims in water, hops on land, finds no difficulty in climbing trees, lives mostly in tropical lagoons for its home, its crop said. It is 10 inches long with a head an inch thick and a body tapering to a point at the tail. It has a hard dorsal fin on its back, not fully developed, and two side fins which it uses as a seal does, manipulating its flippers when navigating on land. It has a yellowish green body.

CHILD, 7, DIES OF TETANUS AFTER BEING VACCINATED

East St. Louis Girl's Uncle, Former Deputy Coroner, Thinks Germs Entered Wounds.
Virginia Ruff, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ruff of 1601 St. Louis street, East St. Louis, who was vaccinated Thanksgiving day by her uncle, Dr. Lafayette Green, former Deputy Coroner of East St. Louis, died yesterday at St. Mary's Hospital, of tetanus.

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Dr. Green also said the child might have contracted the disease from a hunting dog, owned by her father, which became ill the day she was vaccinated and was killed. Another chance of infection existed last Wednesday after the girl had two teeth drawn at home. The girl's father operates a soft drink bar at the State street address, and lives there.

TEACHER TO BE HOOVER PASTOR

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CHRISTMAS GIFT MAILED SIX YEARS AGO DELIVERED

Package Arrives Two Years After Death of Man to Whom It Was Directed.

By the Associated Press.
DENTON, Tex., Dec. 24.—A Christmas package mailed from Corsicana, Tex., six years ago has arrived in Denton at last, two years after the death of the person to whom it was directed.

The package was mailed in Corsicana, 98 miles from here in 1922 by Mrs. C. A. Tripp to her grandfather, O. F. Taylor, who lived here. Last week it arrived.

His relatives, who received the package, said it was small and apparently had been lost in some corner of a postoffice as there were no marks to indicate that it had gone to the dead letter office.

WALKING FISH THAT CLIMBS TREES ARRIVES ON STEAMER

Small Creature, Captured in African Swamp, Has Head of Frog and Tapering Body.
Special to the Post-Dispatch.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The first walking and tree-climbing fish to visit Boston arrived here today on the steamer Westumbah from the west coast of Africa, under the care of Alfred Elsingher of Washington, radio operator on the ship. The strange little creature has the head and large eyes of a bullfrog and the long tapering body of a fish. It was caught in a swamp at Dakar, French Senegal, on Dec. 8, a few days before the steamer sailed. It may have some of the qualities of the horned toad as it has not eaten anything since it was captured, so far as Radio Operator Elsingher can perceive.

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U.S. AGREES TO LET AMERICANS AID IN REPARATIONS JOB

These Experts, However, Must Be Chosen and Appointed by Allied and German Governments.

By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Washington Government today gave its assent to the appointment of Americans to serve on the expert committee in the settlement of German reparations with the understanding that the American representatives are to be chosen and appointed by the allied and German governments.

The United States position on this question was outlined late today by Secretary of State Kellogg to Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador, who earlier in the day had presented to the State Department head an inquiry as to whether the United States would participate in the negotiations.

After the ambassador's call, Kellogg conferred with President Coolidge and the answer of the Washington Government was communicated to Sir Esme Howard within two hours of the time he had made the inquiry.

Kellogg Tells of Proposal.
In telling of the British ambassador's proposal, Kellogg issued this statement:

"Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador, called upon the Secretary of State this morning and informed him in the name of the six Governments interested in the reparations problem that they wished to inquire whether the United States Government will agree to American experts taking part in the work of the proposed committee which is to deal with the final settlement of the problem, and whether, if so, the United States Government would be ready to propose the names of such experts."

The British Ambassador explained to the Secretary of State that if the United States Government agreed to this, the experts proposed would be appointed jointly by the Reparations Commission and the German Government, but if the United States should prefer to leave the choice of American experts to the six Powers, the latter will then agree on the names of the experts to be invited. In that case the experts will also be appointed jointly by the Reparations Commission and the German Government.

French Had Issued Memorandum.
"Dispatches from Paris last Saturday indicated that Ambassador Howard had received the invitation for American participation in the conference some time before."

A memorandum issued by the French Foreign Office read in part: "It is highly desirable in the common interest that, besides the experts to be designated by each of the six Governments which participate in the above mentioned Geneva decision, a citizen of the United States should also take part in the work of the committee of experts."

The experts, the memorandum said, should be "independent, with international reputation, recognized authorities in their own countries and not bound by instructions from their Government."

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TWO HOUSES WRECKED BY EXPLOSION; WOMAN HURT

Bungalows 2243 and 2301 Macklind Av. Shattered and Dozen Other Homes Damaged; Loss \$30,000.

SHOCK HEAVIEST EVER NOTED IN CITY

Powder Can Found in Debris—Police Suspect Extortionists or Bootleggers in Bombing.

A terrific explosion in the Italian settlement known as "The Hill," just south of the Mill Creek Valley and west of Kingshighway, destroyed two bungalows, damaged a dozen other houses in the vicinity and seriously injured a 70-year-old woman in one of the bungalows, at 9:45 o'clock last night. Property damage was approximately \$30,000.

In the wreckage of a bungalow at 2243 Macklind avenue was found a small red can marked "du Pont PFF Gunpowder Superfine." Du Pont company officials informed police that some bootleggers had been using this powder to "age" alcohol. Charcoal is an ingredient of gunpowder.

Police Theories.
Police are investigating on the theory the house was blown as a sequel to bootlegging or extortionist activities, or that explosives had been secreted there by men engaged in extortion and bombing, and had been accidentally set off.

Police and local residents said the most powerful explosion of its kind here within memory, being far more destructive than bombs used in gang and labor troubles in the last ten years.

The explosion was heard over most of St. Louis and part of the county. Police stations and newspaper offices received hundreds of telephone calls for information. "I thought it was right next door," remarked persons who were miles away. Residents of a Cabanne avenue apartment ran into the street, thinking the basement boiler had exploded.

The bungalow at No. 2243 was literally blown away. The adjoining bungalow, No. 2301 Macklind avenue, was damaged beyond repair. Windows and doors were broken, plaster cracked and walls bulged in a dozen neighboring houses. Bricks and timbers flew through the air and dropped on roofs and in yards, streets and alleys. Gas mains were broken and electric light and telephone wires torn down. Locked doors were blown open and looted from hinges. "Just like a tornado," was the neighbors' comment.

Heard Some One in Yard.
Mrs. Hannah Clancy, 70 years old, 2301 Macklind avenue, was the only person in either of the two bungalows destroyed at the time of the explosion. She suffered a fractured leg, internal injuries and nervous shock. Neighbors extricated her from the wreckage. She was taken to Barnes Hospital.

"I was about to retire for the night and was in the kitchen drinking a glass of water when the house fell about my ears," she related. "I managed to crawl into the bathroom. Somebody found me there. I don't know who."

A second before the house fell in, I heard somebody moving about in the back yard, but I thought nothing of it."

Mrs. Clancy's pet canary also was rescued from the ruins. Its cage was battered, but the bird was unhurt and singing. Police improvised a canvas tent for the bird near its former home.

Other occupants of No. 2301 Macklind were away at the time. They are Mrs. Clancy's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. August Neubert, their young son, and Mrs. Clancy, a brother of Mrs. Neubert.

Fifteen minutes after the explosion, the Neubert family returned to what was left of their bungalow. In the ruins were a decorated Christmas tree and toys. The family had been visiting friends.

House Owner to Be Questioned.
Jack La Mana, a clerk, in whose home, No. 2243 Macklind, the explosive was discharged, was taken into custody early today for questioning. Later he was released. He asserted he had no enemies, had received no threats from extortionists and knew of no motive for the bombing.

For the last month his wife had been in a hospital and he and their two children have been living with a relative at 5314 Wilson avenue. The wife was released from the hospital Saturday and joined her family there, La Mana said. He

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JOB HOLDERS OPEN FIGHT ON STATE BUDGET PROPOSAL

C. U. Becker Started Propaganda Two Weeks Ago, Although Measure Was Finished Only Saturday.

LINE-UP SAME THAT BEAT IT IN 1927

Director Donnell of Associated Industries Says Bill Would Save Money for Taxpayers.

By CURTIS A. BETTS.

A campaign to defeat in the Legislature the Associated Industries' budget bill, designed to put the financial operation of the State Government on a business basis, was begun last week by State Capitol job holders under the leadership of Secretary of State Charles U. Becker.

Becker's personal press bureau, conducted by Clyde E. Tuck, a State-paid clerk in Becker's office, obtained publication in a number of out-state newspapers of an attack on the bill.

This preliminary work of the politicians in the Capitol gives evidence that when the budget bill comes up for attention in the Legislature there will appear in opposition to it virtually the same influences which accomplished its defeat two years ago. These included nearly all the elective State officials and several hundred political job holders, who feared that the economies promised by the measure would mean abolishing the many securities, and that the number of clerks would be limited to the needs of the State business.

Whenever any feature of the budget legislation was under consideration in the last Legislature, the halls were crowded with State employees who openly lobbied with members to kill it.

To Eliminate Unnecessary Employees. The purpose of the bill, which has been drawn by attorneys for the Associated Industries after nearly four years of study and investigation of the details of the Government, is to create a Budget Director who will prepare for the Governor a budget for submission to the Legislature, and thus to eliminate duplication of expenditures, to guard against the present loading of State payrolls with useless employees, and in every possible way to put the State's business on a business instead of political basis.

This, if successful, would mean that officials would be deprived of much political patronage, with which they now pay political debts at State expense, and it would mean that many of the political workers would be forced to go into some private employment, where work was necessary to get a pay check. Although the budget bill was not completed until Saturday, Becker's press bureau two weeks ago began sending out its opposition propaganda. Publication principally has been in those newspapers to which Becker every two years distributes the official printing of Constitutional amendments and initiative and referendum proposals. It argued that creation of a budget department would increase and not decrease State expenditures, and gave incorrect details of the bill.

Elmer Donnell's View. Elmer Donnell, managing director of the Associated Industries, recognized the type of opposition which will be met in the Legislature in a statement to the Post-Dispatch Saturday.

"Sentiment, prejudice and party politics have not been considered by the Associated Industries in the drafting of these measures," he said, "but the movement has been carried on in the interest of all the taxpayers of Missouri to provide a system under which they will be assured of a dollar in value for each tax dollar paid. "The Board of Directors and committees of the Association expect bitter opposition to the whole program of business legislation from certain elements and office holders. These men will, of course, fight the purpose of the bills, one of which is to cut off the State payroll a large number of employees who render no valuable or necessary service. The money now paid to them should be saved and diverted to the maintenance of the assets of the State, such as the educational and eleemosynary institutions.

"Those State officials who two years ago were and again this year are opposing these measures with all the political influence and prestige they can command, declare that the State already has an efficient budget system operating through the Tax Commission, this commission, however, in its recommendations to the last four Legislatures said: 'Appropriations as made under existing laws are only at best, estimates. To put this most important governmental

Disappears After Train-Plane Race



MISS RUTH MCCONNELL.

MISS MCCONNELL, whom Dr. David C. Meeker pursued in an airplane as she rode from Omaha to San Francisco in a limited train last week, arrived at Ogden, Utah, yesterday on her return east and disappeared. A man thought to be Dr. Meeker was with her. They left San Francisco Saturday, ostensibly for Indianapolis, Ind. Miss McConnell told newspaper men who met her train at Ogden that she was to meet her mother there.

function on a scientific basis, a true budget system must be adopted by law so that not only the present but the future can be taken into consideration. Economy without method is impossible."

Would Equalize Salaries. The bill, as prepared by the Associated Industries provides that the Director of Budget shall be appointed by the Governor, and stipulates that such employees as are required shall be limited in salaries to those paid for similar work in other departments. Every State department is required by the bill to file with the director a complete roster of all employees, with record of salary and duties, and the director is charged with the duty of making systematic investigations of the organization, administration, personnel and efficiency of each department.

Four months before each session of the Legislature, the director will call upon each head of a department to provide detailed estimates of the funds needed for the next two years. Based on these reports and his own survey of the departments, the director will prepare for the Governor a budget for submission by him to the Legislature. An effort is made by the measure to prevent deficiencies, and it is made a misdemeanor for any officer to enter into any contract or agreement which would create a deficit in his department, or to make any expenditures not in accordance with the budget as adopted by the Legislature.

The director is given power to take testimony, and any person who refuses to obey his subpoena or who refuses to testify is declared guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to fine or imprisonment. Because of the provisions of the Missouri Constitution, there are limitations of the powers which may be conferred on the director. While the bill can, and does, require financial statements from all officials, and the director will have power to prepare a budget for all departments, he cannot be empowered to supervise the expenditures of departments under elective officials.

Other Bills Proposed. The measure is one of a series of bills to be offered by the Association in its effort to improve Governmental conditions. It would provide for central purchasing for all departments and institutions except educational institutions, and another for the consolidation of departments which have overlapping duties and in which there is a more or less duplication of expenditures. Donnell, commenting on possible objections to the \$7500 salary provided for the Director, said that executive ability needed to administer the office could not be employed for less money. "The State should pay in proportion to the value of the service rendered," he said, "and the cost of the large number of inefficient and unnecessary employees now on the State payroll could and would be greatly reduced through the selection of few men of exceptional knowledge, experience and ability to serve as department heads.

"I believe business men in general will agree that a number of the responsible positions of State should not receive compensation commensurate with their importance, and it is conceded by those who know conditions that members of the General Assembly are serving the State at a personal financial

REPLY FILED BY GOVERNMENT IN O'FALLON CASE

Neither Reproduction New Nor Original Cost Alone Dominant in Fixing Valuation, It Contends.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Government's defense of the constitutionality of the methods of the Interstate Commerce Commission in valuing railroad property, challenged by the St. Louis & O'Fallon Railroad, was submitted to the Supreme Court today in a brief signed by Attorney-General Sargent.

The brief, to constitute the Government's argument in court on Jan. 2, was submitted by George W. Wickersham, former Attorney-General and special Government counsel in the case. In the brief Wickersham asks the Court to affirm the decision of a statutory three-judge court at St. Louis which held that the Government was entitled to recover excess earnings from the O'Fallon road.

Wickersham maintained that the true basis of valuing public utility property as laid down by the Supreme Court was "that neither reproduction cost nor original cost is alone a criterion of value, or to be given dominant consideration, but that the rate-making body must take all elements and measures of value into consideration, and analyze and ascribe to each its proper weight in the light of the evidence of the case."

The action of the Interstate Commerce Commission in rejecting the cost of reproduction new as the sole basis of valuation in the recapture order was, Wickersham declared, in conformity with the intention of Congress in framing the transportation act of 1920.

Contending that the railroad in effect had attacked the whole transportation act by urging a construction which would make it impossible for the Government to capture clause of the act invaded no right of the company.

He held the railroad in effect contended that the commission erred because it did not fix the value of the carrier's property solely on the basis of cost of reproduction, based on prices prevailing during the time covered by the recapture order, and insisted that the decision of the Supreme Court in the Indianapolis case relied upon by the railroad was based on the fact that the recapture order was never intended to affect such a valuation. He added that it was clearly shown that the commission's order did not involve confiscation.

Other less important questions presented in the controversy were argued in the brief which asked also that the lower court's decision with regard to the interest the Government should receive on these earnings be changed in conformity with the claims of the Government.

U. S. AGENTS SEIZE BOTTLES ON TABLES AT NIGHT CLUBS

Federal prohibition agents under James Dillon, agent in charge here, visited two night clubs, The Tent, 1122A Washington avenue, and the Club Avalon, 3621 Washington boulevard, early yesterday morning. They stroled among the guests, gathering up bottles from the tables, the chairs and the floor, but made no arrests. About 30 bottles containing alleged intoxicants were destroyed.

Dillon announced today that the next time he "may make some arrests."

Preceding the farewell luncheon the Brazilian military band of 120 pieces, uniformed in white, crimson and gold, and with plumed brass helmets, drew up before the embassy and played the Star-Spangled Banner. The band from the Utah stationed inside the embassy grounds played the Brazilian national anthem. As President Luis came to the entrance of the embassy, he was escorted by dragoons and lancers and their swords and helmets flashed in the tropical midsummer sun as their pennants whipped in the breeze.

Hoover, accompanied by Ambassador Fletcher, officials of the foreign office and Army and Navy officers, boarded the tug just at sundown and as it steamed toward the Utah, the guns of a Brazilian cruiser fired a presidential salute. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover stood at the rail bowing and smiling in acknowledgment of the good wishes shouted from the shore.

Later President Luis went to the Utah to say a final word of farewell before the ship sailed north for Key West, Fla.

Actor Dies Before Performance. PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 24.—William A. Dodge, 40 years old, of San Francisco, known as "Billie Dodge," died of a heart attack while awaiting the raising of the curtain for the afternoon performance at a theater here yesterday.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT JR. TELLS OF PLANS TO PAY DEBTS

Stopping Here on Way to Reno, Nev., Says He Will Meet Legal and Moral Obligations. Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., promoter of financially unsuccessful tabloid newspapers in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Miami, was in St. Louis yesterday afternoon on his way from New York to Reno, Nev., where he expects to meet his wife tomorrow. He was recently married to Mrs. Mary Wier Logan of Davenport, Ia. He had intended to go by airplane from St. Louis to Reno, but changed his plans because of weather conditions.

Vanderbilt told, while here, of his plan to pay legal debts and moral obligations, amounting to more than \$2,000,000, to the stockholders of his papers. This action was made possible by his reconciliation with the Vanderbilt family, and the release of his share of \$3,000,000 or more in trust funds held in his name. He said he would pay those to whom he is justly indebted, but would not make good on a guarantee issued without his knowledge, on \$600,000 of stock sales. He said he would prosecute the person who gave the guarantee.

A New York dispatch stated that \$1,000,000 had been placed in a Los Angeles bank as preliminary to beginning the distribution to stockholders.

SHIFTED, QUITS POLICE FORCE AFTER 44 YEARS OF SERVICE

Sergt. John F. Schmidt, 72, Tells the Commissioners He Is Breaking Down.

Sergt. John F. Schmidt, 44 years of service in the Police Department, resigned yesterday when in a triennial transfer of 32 police sergeants he was moved from the Carondelet District.

"I am 72 years old," he wrote, "and I have served continuously for 44 years and six months, having been appointed on June 16, 1884. I am breaking down. My health is failing and I trust the honorable board will consider my long years of service when placing my name on the pension list."

Sergt. Schmidt, who resides at 1919 Penn street, served in the Carondelet and Wyoming Street Districts 14 years, after his retirement as assistant chief of detectives, a post in which he served from 1911 to 1914.

In 1907 Schmidt captured "Red" Kane, who killed "Yellow Kid" Mohrie in a corridor of the Four Mount hotel, and was on trial for the murder of Constable Sam Young. Schmidt was on his way to work when Kane fled from the building, pursued by Patrolman Joseph Gerk, now Chief of Police, and Michael Callahan, now a Sergeant. Schmidt stopped the gangster and disarmed him. Kane died before he could be brought to trial.

FIRES AT WIFE BY MISTAKE, KILLS PASSERBY ON STREET

Nimmons (Ark.) Merchant Hears Her at Window; Bullet Goes Through Wall.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. NIMMONS, Ark., Dec. 24.—A shot Curt Armstrong, merchant, mistakenly fired at his wife last night, and a bullet passed through the wall of his home and killed James Langford, 21 years old, who was passing in the street at the time.

The Armstrongs had retired for the night in a bedroom back of the store, and Armstrong was asleep when Mrs. Armstrong arose to see if she had fastened a window lock. Rousing suddenly, the husband seized his pistol from under his pillow and fired one shot before he discovered his mistake. Mrs. Armstrong was unhurt. Apparently no harm had been done. The Armstrongs again retired and went to sleep.

At 2 a. m. today, however, after Langford's death, Armstrong was arrested. He is held on \$1500 bond.

ST. LOUISAN, THREE OTHERS KILLED IN CRASH OF PLANE

G. L. Burnett Among Victims Near Chattanooga—Ship Hits Garage After Carom Off House.

By the Associated Press.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 24. M. W. Rozar, sole survivor of an airplane tragedy near Marr Field which caused the death of four persons, today attributed the accident to a cold motor which failed to gain altitude after the take-off early yesterday morning.

Rozar, of Chicago, who is traveling representative for a Macon, Ga., firm, was semi-conscious after the crash, but succeeded in extricating himself from the wreckage and crawled away from the burning plane after the gasoline tank had exploded.

Companions on the disastrous flight over the newly established Chicago-Atlanta air mail line, could not liberate themselves and were burned to death.

List of Dead. The victims included: Charles H. Shield of Louisville, Ky., pilot.

Raymond D. Harris, another pilot who was making a study of the new air route.

C. P. Mayer, St. Elmo, Tenn. George L. Burnett of St. Louis.

Both Mayer and Burnett were on their way to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Atlanta and Macon, Ga., respectively.

Rozar said Shield had difficulty in starting the motor, and after racing the engine about 10 minutes, started down the 4000 foot runway of the new airport.

Six Feet Above Ground. The plane was about six feet above ground at the end of the field, and a railroad embankment directly ahead caused the pilot to bank to the right, apparently expecting to clear the obstruction and gain altitude, according to the survivor.

Instead, the plane lost altitude and an instant later crashed against a roof, rebounded against a tree and plunged into a garage. "After the crash I was so excited I did not realize what we had struck, but I faintly recalled that the cabin had collapsed and that there was no door near me," Rozar said. "I don't know how I finally released myself, but I struggled somehow until I wrenched myself clear."

Heard Explosion and Screams. "Everything went black to me until I heard an explosion and screams of agony behind me. I remembered turning around when I heard screams and saw a man being killed, and Stuart Peppin, a student pilot, both of Minneapolis, was seriously injured when their biplane crashed from an altitude of 200 feet at the Wald-Chamberlain municipal airport yesterday.

The plane struck nose down on the air field with such force that the motor was driven back into the front cockpit. The wooden fuselage splintered and Peppin suffered severe lacerations about the head and body, a fracture of the skull and other injuries.

The plane was of an old type army biplane known as a "Jenny."

AGENTS BREAK DOWN DOOR IN DOWNTOWN LIQUOR RAID

Proprietor of Place at 102 N. 8th Street Held for Alleged Throwing of Bottle. A large crowd of Christmas shoppers was attracted to 102 North Eighth street this afternoon when seven prohibition agents raided a saloon there. The saloon is what agents call a "key club," with the inner front door locked and the entrance gained only on identification.

After smashing the inner door, the agents broke tables and chairs and demolished fixtures in their search for liquor. Fred Bushman, 27 years old, of the Missouri Hotel, who said he was the proprietor, was arrested after agents said, he threw a pint bottle of gin at Agent Toelle's head. He missed and the bottle broke against the wall.

Assistant Administrator Dillon said the place had been raided once before and the owners warned to remove the lock on the inner door. Now he said he given inners to his men as to breaking down the door.

Bushman, the agents said, was serving a customer with a high ball when they entered. About a dozen men were inside. Their names were taken and they may be used as witnesses.

NATIVITY STORY TOO ROMANTIC FOR INVENTION, SAYS DR. HOLT

"Go and Kneel With the Shepherds at the Manger—Hold God to Your Heart."

The Rev. Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, in his Christmas sermon at St. John's Methodist Church yesterday, said: "The story of the Nativity, as told in the Gospels, is so marvelously romantic that no one could have invented it. When men invent a god he makes him so powerful and mighty that his god inspires awe and terror. Were it not for Christmas, God would be remote. Now we can see Him in our arms and hold Him to our heart."

"With all the knowledge of facts that you have, but mindful of the mystery, go and kneel with the shepherds at the manger, in the world of hopes and dreams and love, so that the world of so much mystery will be to you the world of glorious reality."

make a personal investigation of the accident.

St. Louisan Was On His Way to Visit Parents. George L. Burnett, 38 years old, was chief manager for the Southwestern territory of the Brown Shoe Co. He was unmarried and resided at the Harlan Court apartments, 5455 Delmar boulevard.

Burnett left Lambert-St. Louis Field Saturday morning for Evansville, Ind., in the combination mail and passenger plane of the Interstate Airlines. He was on his way to visit his parents at Macon, Ga., for the holidays.

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The train was a special one of the Sunshine Special of the Missouri Pacific, running from St. Louis to Texas points. The national Great Northern is a subsidiary of the Missouri Pacific.

The only fatality was a married woman. About 15 passengers were injured, but none seriously. They were taken to the nearest hospital after receiving emergency treatment.

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The woman, who died on the way to Jacksonville, Tex., was imbedded to her waist in the wreckage and was enveloped by the first rescue workers.

H. R. Safford, executive president of the road, in an official statement declared "the derailment was caused by a broken rail of full-ballasted track, giving outward indication of any danger."

A special train made up and carried the vacation travelers to Houston this morning.

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Carols and Christmas trees, church services and parties, friendship and charity, are blending as usual in St. Louis to mark the community's observance of Christmas day.

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The carolers visited downtown restaurants this noon. Early this evening they will roam specified streets in every dwelling portion of the city and suburbs, stopping to sing the old Christmas songs wherever a light in a window invites them. Churches, schools and other organizations furnish the singers. There will be Negro groups in neighborhoods of their race.

Church Observances. Churches whose congregations have general observance of Christmas through special services include the Catholic, Episcopal, Evangelical and Lutheran, but many other Protestant congregations will have services. Some of the Protestant churches will have candle light ceremonies late this afternoon. The Catholic churches will have impressive midnight masses tonight, and some of the Episcopal congregations will meet at the same time.

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munity Fund all have some sort of
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otherwise would have no Christmas.
It is as only another drab day. At
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Missing on Trip Down Colorado Canyon



MR. AND MRS. GLENN HYDE of Hanson, Idaho, photographed at the start of their boat trip down the Colorado River. They have not been seen since Dec. 6, and searchers fear they are lost. Hyde is standing in the boat, which has been found empty at the river's edge.

MOTORIST BADLY HURT BY MAN HE TRIES TO AID

Charles W. Schenk, 65, At-
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Car From Ditch.

Beaten on the head with a
chisel by a motorist whose car
he tried to pull out of the ditch,
Charles W. Schenk, 65-year-old
railroad engineer, 4320 Gibson av-
enue, suffered severe scalp lacerations
yesterday and was taken to
Frisco Hospital.

His assailant, Lynn Sims, an ex-
press company chauffeur, 1124
North Park place, was locked up
in the city jail. "I don't know
why I did it," he said today. "I
was drunk." A warrant charging
assault to kill was issued.

Schenk was driving with his
granddaughter, Vivian, 14 years
old, when he was hailed by Sims,
who was driving a 1927 Buick. Sims
asked Schenk to help him pull his
car out of the ditch. Schenk
stopped, hitched his machine to the
car in the ditch and made several
unsuccessful efforts to pull it out.
When it became evident the car
could not be dislodged, Sims de-
manded that Schenk drive him to
Allenton to get additional aid.

They started for Allenton, and
were almost there, when Sims, who
was sitting in the back seat, sud-
denly began to beat Schenk over
the head with a chisel. Schenk
slumped at the wheel, the car
rolled off the road and stopped.
Schenk's granddaughter, who
jumped out of the machine, Sims
pursued her, and Schenk, recover-
ing consciousness, joined the chase.
Sims again attacked the older man,
later forcing him to drive back to
the stalled car. Schenk then sum-
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Schenk has been an engineer on
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Killed by Auto on Way to Sunday
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By the Associated Press.
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by an automobile driven by Alfred
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TO OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Rogers
Celebrate Anniversary Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Rogers,
3616 Cottage avenue, will celebrate
their golden wedding anniversary
at the home of another son, Joseph
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In the evening there will be a re-
ception at the home of a daughter,
Mrs. Frank H. Voss, 4840 Lee
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They have four sons, four daugh-
ters, three of whom are nuns of the
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A merry
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TWO HOMES BOMBED, WOMAN INJURED, ON MACKLIN AV.

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Macklin avenue bungalow Friday.
Damage to the two bungalows
and contents was estimated at
\$22,500, with about \$6500 additional
damage to nearby houses.

Thought It Was Santa Claus.
When a locked door at the home
of Mike Chiodini, 5416 Elizabeth
avenue, around the corner, was
blown into the house, his 6-year-
old daughter, Josephine, was awak-
ened and cried, "Oh, papa, has
Santa Claus come?" A window in
her bedroom was shattered and the
glass spread across her bed, with-
out injuring her.

Frank Purcell, 2223 Macklin,
went bowling last night and his
wife and 15-month-old child were
in the kitchen awaiting his return
when the two bedrooms in the
house were swept by broken glass
and plaster which buried the
child's crib. "If I hadn't gone
bowling, the child would have been
killed," remarked Purcell.

D. Zarlenga, 2319 Macklin, was
cut on the right temple by flying
glass. Six windows and a door in
his house were wrecked.

Mrs. Frank Passant, 5415 Eliza-
beth, was knocked flat on the floor
by the impact. The roof of the
house was strewn with timbers and
one board penetrated the roof of a
shed in the rear.

Other persons told of being
jarred and falling out of bed.
Shock Felt for Miles.
On Dempsey avenue, the first
street north, most of the windows
in eight houses were blown out.
The major damage was within a
radius of 500 feet.

The front of a laundry two
blocks away was wrecked. A win-
dow display in a drug store at
Pershing and Belt avenue, several
miles away, was knocked over.
A man who refused to disclose
his name to a reporter told this
story: "I passed the house at
2243 Macklin a few seconds be-
fore the explosion. I heard a his-
sing sound like a sky rocket and
then a terrific boom, followed by
a blast of fire and smoke. I turned
in a fire alarm."

Looking through the front door
of Eugene House No. 35, Arsenal
and Sublette streets, Capt. George
Funck felt the explosion and saw a
flameup that illuminated the sky.
He and his men went to the scene
and extinguished the smoldering
blaze in the ruins.

Thousands of spectators crowd-
ed into the streets of "The Hill"
last night. This morning
crowds formed and police stretched
ropes to keep back the curious.
Debris in the street necessitated
rerouting of traffic.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Mothers—Try Mild Children's Masterole

Of course, you know good old
Masterole; how quickly, how easily
it relieves chest colds, sore throats,
rheumatic and neuritic pain, sore
joints and muscles, stiff neck and
lumbago.

We also want you to know CHILD-
REN'S MASTEROLE—Masterole in
milder form. Unexcelled for relief
of croupy coughs and colds; it per-
meates, soothes and relieves without
the blister of the old-fashioned mus-
tard plaster. Keep a jar handy. It
comes ready to apply instantly, with
out fuss or bother.



PRESIDENT CLEARS UP DESK FOR VACATION

Expected to Work Today—
Time of Departure for
Georgia Is Uncertain.

By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Lured
by warm breezes and abundant op-
portunity to indulge in his favorite
recreations of shooting and fishing,
President Coolidge today made
preparations for an early departure
for the Georgia island which he
has chosen as the scene of his
Christmas vacation.

By Mr. Coolidge's own decree to-
day was a holiday for all Govern-
ment workers in the District of
Columbia, who will thus have three
consecutive days away from busi-
ness. The President, however, was
expected to spend a large part of
the day at his desk, clearing up
last minute business matters, in
order that he may begin his vaca-
tion untroubled by the press of
public affairs.

This evening, Mr. Coolidge will
light Washington's community
Christmas tree and later will listen
while a vested choir from the First
Congregational Church, which the
President and Mrs. Coolidge attend,
sings Christmas carols beneath the
huge portico at the front of the
White House.

Afterward the Christmas greet-
ings of the people of Washington
are to be presented to the Presi-
dent and Mrs. Coolidge by Jaque-
line Smith and Loren Adams,
members of the Boy and Girl
Scouts. A program of Christmas
music by the Marine Band and the
National Capital Oration Associa-
tion also will be rendered at the
tree-lighting ceremony.

Mrs. Coolidge returned to the
national capital last night after a
stay of several days with her
mother, Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, at
Northampton, Mass. Mrs. Goodhue
has been ill for some time, and
Mrs. Coolidge wished to reassure
herself as to her mother's condi-
tion before venturing so far from
Washington as the Georgia coast.

As yet there has been no an-
nouncement as to the time of the
Coolidges' departure for Sapelo
Island more definite than that they
would leave Washington some time
after Christmas morning—either in
the afternoon or evening, or pos-
sibly not until the following day.

Coolidge to Have Personal Mail
Plane to Sapelo Island.

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Represen-
tatives of C. M. Keys, president
of Transcontinental Air
Transport, the plane-train system
with which Col. Charles A. Lind-
bergh is connected, announced to-
day that President Coolidge had
accepted Keys' offer of a personal
mail plane during his Christmas
vacation at Sapelo Island off the
Georgia coast.

A Sikorsky amphibian cabin
plane with Art Caperton as pilot,
was prepared to leave Curtis
Field for Georgia this afternoon.
It will ply with the presidential
mail between the island and Bruns-
wick, Ga.

WIDOW OF COL. MCGREW DIES
Heart Disease Fatal at Home of
Daughter, Mrs. Albert B. Lambert.
Mrs. Finkie Donaldson McGrew,
66 years old, widow of George S.
McGrew, a Colonel on the staff of
former Gov. Folk and organizer of
the "McGrew Guards," died of
heart disease today at the home of
her daughter, Mrs. Albert Bond
Lambert, 2 Hortense place.
Funeral services will be at the
residence at 2 o'clock Wednesday
afternoon. Burial will be in Belle-
fontaine Cemetery.

POKER GAME HELD UP, FOUR KILLED IN THE SHOOTING

Brooklyn Chemist Fatally
Wounds Two of Robbers
and Routs Others—Spec-
tator Slain in Fight.

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A poker
game whose marksmanship was
better than that of four men who
attempted to hold up an all-night
card game in Brooklyn early yes-
terday shot and killed two of
them and sent the others scurrying
to the street, where they
escaped.

Another of the players, terror-
stricken, dived head first
through a third-story window
and was fatally injured, while a
spectator of the game was killed
in the exchange of shots.

Ten men were in the apartment
of Fred Rendino, eight of them
playing poker, when, shortly after
1 a. m., four men entered with
drawn weapons.

Rendino and Peter Cardone, one
of the players, arose and were
promptly shot by the holdup men.
Rendino was wounded in the right
arm and Cardone in the left wrist.
The latter, however, drew a pistol
for the carrying of which he had
a police permit, and shot two of
the holdup men in the forehead,
killing them outright. The two
others escaped.

Meanwhile Nicholas Sulzono, 30
years old, jumped through a third-
story window and suffered injuries
from which he died. In the ex-
change of shots between Cardone
and the robbers, Rocco Maasi, 25,
was shot and killed.

The slain robbers were identified
through fingerprint at the Bu-
reau of Criminal Identification at
police headquarters as Pasquale
Belmonte, 29, and Emanuel Frasca,
23.

Police said Belmonte's record
showed two arrests, once last year
on a statutory charge, on which
he and jury failed to meet, and
Dec. 8 last, on a charge of assault
and robbery. The record showed
no disposition of the second
charge.

Frasca, police said, was sent to
the New York City Reformatory in
1924 for unlawful entry.
Cardone, a Brooklyn manufactur-
ing chemist, was the recipient
of hundreds of congratulatory mes-
sages today. Police Commissioner
Whalen personally congratulated

WOMAN STABS PAINTER TO DEATH IN ROW OVER \$7

Mrs. Ruby Elliott, 28, Says
Killing of Paul Rodman,
31, With Whom She
Lived, Was Accidental.

Mrs. Ruby Elliott, 28 years old,
today told at Page Boulevard Po-
lice Station how she killed Paul
Rodman, 31, a painter, with a
butcher knife last night in their
rooms over the garage in the rear
of the home of Baarent Ten Brook,
candy manufacturer, at 1 Winder-
mere place. She had lived with
Rodman as his common law wife
for several years.

"We had been drinking whisky
all afternoon and evening and he
was very drunk," she related.
"During the evening two friends of
his dropped in and we drank to-
gether. While they were there he
started nagging at me for spend-
ing too much money. It was a
silly argument, but he hit me twice
and his friends went home."

"Then I pulled up a corner of
the rug and showed him where I
had hid \$7 so he wouldn't spend
it. He got sore and hit me again.
'I could kill you,' he said. 'You
did me dirty and I'll do you dirty.'
He picked up the butcher
knife, but put it down in a min-
ute. I grabbed the knife so he
wouldn't get it again. He hit at
me again and I raised my arm to
stop his fist. It seems that we both
fell forward and the knife went
into him."

Policemen, called to the Ten
Brook residence at 8:45 o'clock,
were led by a maid to the garage,
where they found Rodman uncon-
scious. He died two hours later at
St. Luke's Hospital of a wound in
the left breast, without making a
statement.

Mrs. Elliott, who had run to the
house and appealed to the maid
when Rodman fell, was taken into
custody pending an inquest. She
readily admitted that she had
stabbed Rodman, insisting, how-
ever, that it was accidental. Rod-
man, she said, beat her frequently,
and two weeks ago knocked out
three of her front teeth with his
fist. They rented the garage
rooms, fronting on Union boulev-
ard, from Ten Brook last week.

Cardone, saying that the city
needed more men with courage and
marksmanship to shoot when as-
saulted by thugs.

KILLS MAN IN SCUFFLE



By a Post-Dispatch Staff Photographer
MRS. RUBY ELLIOT.

KILLED WHEN HE SHOWS COURTESY TO PRISONER

Customs Inspector Tricked and
Shot by Man Who Asks to Be
Allowed to Roll a Cigarette.

By the Associated Press.
EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 24.—Tom
Morris, a customs inspector on the
Mexican border, was killed yester-
day when he obliged a liquor run-
ner who asked permission to roll a
cigarette before being handcuffed.

Morris and Inspector M. R. Rogers
stopped an automobile near
Fabens, Tex., and after finding
liquor in the car arrested the two
occupants. One of them was hand-
cuffed immediately, but was with-
held from the other to grant his
request for a smoke. Instead of
bringing tobacco and papers from
his pocket, however, the man drew
a revolver, killed Morris and slight-
ly wounded Rogers, then escaped
into Mexico.

\$1200 Holdup in Kansas City.

By the Associated Press.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—
Two men today held up the man-
ager and two employees of the
Phoenix Finance Co. at 1319 Mc-
Gee street and took \$1200 in cash
and diamond rings valued at \$700.
A motorist who was forced to
drive the two men to the south
part of the city after the robbery
was given \$10 "for his trouble."

NO POISON FOUND YET IN ACCUSER OF WIFE

Doctors Say This Is no Proof of
Its Absence, However, in Case
of Poplar Bluff Man.

James W. Edwards, 61-year-old
carpenter of Poplar Bluff, Mo.,
who has accused his wife, Nora,
24 years his junior, of trying to
poison him for his \$750 insurance,
is suffering from multiple neuritis,
or wide-spread nerve inflamma-
tion, according to physicians at Ba-
pist Hospital, where he has been
a patient for a week.

Thus far no poison has been
found in the body of the paralyzed
carpenter, but on the other hand,
physicians have not been able to
find any ailment such as malaria,
which might account for the in-
flammation of Edwards' nerves.
"The fact that we have not found
poison thus far," said Dr. D. S.
Booth, "does not mean that it
isn't there, or that it was not ad-
ministered. We have found a se-
vere neuritis. It is the latter that
has caused Edwards' inability to
move his hands or his feet."

"Poison in the system, either
due to a disease, or administered,
might cause the nerve inflamma-
tion we have found. I must say,
however, that we have found no
disease that might be accountable
for the condition of Edwards."

Multiple neuritis was given as
one of the causes of the death of
Forrest Edwards, 15-year-old son
of Edwards.

Mrs. Nora Edwards, out on bond,
will have a hearing Dec. 28, at
which Prosecuting Attorney Kear-
bey of Butler County, will seek to
have bail denied her. Kearbey has
also said he would lay before the
court at the hearing evidence deal-
ing with the deaths of persons
close to Mrs. Edwards, among them
three nephews who were injured.
Kearbey has said that if Edwards,
whose condition is regarded as
serious, recovers, the State will in-
vestigate the death of Edwards'
stepson Forrest, whom the boy's
body and having it examined for
traces of poison.

Woman Says She Was Kidnaped.
St. Clair County, Ill., officials are
investigating a report by Miss Car-
oline Schopp of Mascoutah, who
says she was forced into a large
automobile driven by a Negro and
occupied by two white men Satur-
day night and taken to Fairfield,
Ill., and return. Miss Schopp, a 21-
year-old clerk, was found last night
walking along the highway near
her home. She was not mistreated,
she said.

We Extend
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the
Season's Greetings
and
Our Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas
NUGENTS

SEVEN OF FAMILY AMONG 8 KILLED IN FIRE ON FARM

Man, Wife, Five of Their
Nine Children and Visit-
ing Girl Perish Near
Lincoln, Ala.

By the Associated Press.
ANISTON, Ala., Dec. 24.—
Seven members of a family and a
little girl visitor were burned to
death and five others were injured,
three seriously, yesterday, when
fire of undetermined origin swept
their residence near Lincoln, Ala.,
18 miles west of here.

The victims are: Mr. and Mrs.
Albert Calhoun; Eulalia, 11 years

old; Freddie, 4; Emmett, 9; Rob-
ert Lee, 2; Albert Jr., infant, their
children, and Ella Bright, 12, who
was visiting the Calhouns.

The one most seriously burned is
Eulalia Calhoun, 16. Others injured
were: Lois Herald, 13; Raymond
Calhoun, 17; Lina Calhoun, 12, and
A. M. Calhoun, 9.

Occupants of the house had been
asleep for some time when Mrs.
Calhoun was aroused by smoke in
the room occupied by herself, her
husband and five children.

Mrs. Calhoun picked up her
youngest child and threw him out
a window. The infant was burn-
ed and died. Before she could
rescue the four other chil-
dren the mother was overcome by
smoke.

The father in the meantime had
run through the flames in the hall-
way to save the children sleeping
on the other side of the house. En-
veloped in flames, he snatched the
youngsters from their beds and
pushed them from the windows.

All were burned seriously. Cal-
houn later collapsed.

The charred bodies of the moth-
er and children were recovered.

The injured are in a hospital here.

SECOND MAN DIES AFTER STREET CAR AND AUTO COLLIDE

Stationary Engineer Suc-
cumbs Following Crash
in Which Driver of Ma-
chine Was Killed.

Walter Morris, 24 years, a sta-
tionary engineer, died at City
Hospital yesterday morning of a
fractured skull suffered Satur-
day night in a collision be-
tween an automobile and a street
car. The driver of the automobile,
Victor Rebert, 21-year-old railroad
clerk, 6430 North Broadway, died
in the wreckage of the machine,
and William Hagerty, 6025 Ouida
avenue, who was riding with Re-
bert and Morris, suffered a skull
fracture.

The collision occurred in front of
6900 North Broadway. Rebert's
machine, southbound in Broadway,
crashed into the street car, north-
bound. Accident verdicts were
returned in both deaths today.

Auto Deaths Reach 205.
These deaths bring the number
of motor vehicle fatalities in St.
Louis this year to 205, as compared
with 144 at this time last year. The
previous high number of deaths in
one year was 192 in 1925.

Benjamin Friedman, 70 years
old, a real estate dealer, residing
at the Gatesworth Hotel, died at
Jewish Hospital yesterday of in-
juries suffered on Dec. 4 when an
automobile in which he was riding
overturned near Ironton, Mo.
Friedman was not thought to have
been seriously injured and did not
go to the hospital until Dec. 16. It
was found that he had suffered
fractured ribs and that blood poi-
soning had set in from lacerations.

A coroner's jury returned an
open verdict today.

Jordan Wilkerson, 44 years old, a
Negro, died at St. Mary's Hospital,
East St. Louis, early yesterday of a
fractured skull suffered Saturday
night when he was struck by a
machine at Brooklyn, Ill., where
he lived.

Four Bus Employees Hurt.

Four employees of the Peoples
Motorbus Co. were injured at 2
o'clock this morning when an au-
tomobile in which they were riding
overturned at Grand boulevard and
Elder street.

The injured are Edward Bruck-
ner, chauffeur, 6326 Pennsylvania
avenue, fractured jaw; Philip
Brooks, chauffeur, 2701 Osage
street, probable fracture of the
spine and internal injuries; John
McGuire, chauffeur, 3219 South
Compton avenue, lacerations of the
head; Walter Franklin, dispatcher,
5414 Dewey avenue, lacerations.

Four members of one family
were injured last night when
struck by an automobile driven by
Mrs. May M. Arink, wife of Dr.
William Arink, 7021 Waterman
avenue, at Delmar and Laurel ave-
nue. The injured are Herman
Gluck, 5871 Washington avenue,
lacerations; his wife, Lillian, frac-
tured skull and their daughters,
Selma, 7, and Audrey, 2, who suf-
fered head injuries.

Others injured in motor vehicle
accidents yesterday were: Michael
McClevey, 5914 Delmar boulevard,
fractured skull; Fred Tojo, 1828
North Broadway, fractured left
leg; James Gordon, 220 Morgan
street, fractured skull; Robert
Hudson, 5 years old, 5918A Halle
Ferry road, fractured skull and
jaw.

MONTANA BUSINESS MAN

KILLED BY MOTHER-IN-LAW

Shooting Said to Have Occurred
While Victim and Wife
Were Quarreling.

By the Associated Press.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 24.—Rob-
ert Crago, 41 years old, Helena
business man, was shot and in-
stantly killed by his mother-in-
law, Mrs. Pauline Wall of Sagar,
Wash., here last night. Crago was
the manager of the Service Transit
of Helena and proprietor of the
Crago Storage & Transfer Co.

Mrs. Wall and her former hus-
band, Gus Martin, a rancher, liv-
ing near Cascade, Mont., had not
been here about a week ago to spend
the holidays.

Police said the shooting oc-
curred while Crago and his wife
were quarreling.

HELD IN CANADA FOR PASSING

\$350,000 IN CHECKS IN U. S.

Man in Toronto Hospital Wanted
in Philadelphia and Chicago
on Three Charges.

By the Associated Press.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 24.—Wil-
liam Moore Patch, 40 years old,
was under arrest today on three
charges preferred by Philadelphia
and Chicago authorities of passing
worthless checks for \$350,000.

Patch is confined to a hospital
with stomach trouble. Upon re-
covery he will be taken to the
United States by a Philadelphia
detective.

FOUND DEAD FROM GAS

William Lamotte Had Been Sep-
arated From His Wife.

William Lamotte, 20 years old,
was found dead from gas in the
basement of his parents' home,
2522 Wisconsin avenue, last night.

The body was found near a gas
stove the burners of which had
been opened but not lighted. Fire-
men attempted to revive Lamotte
with an inhalator. Lamotte left a
note addressed to his estranged
wife, Mary, which read in part:
"without you I cannot live." Rel-
atives of Lamotte said they do not
know where his wife and two small
children reside.

TOY FROM BOX OF POPCORN LODGED IN CHILD'S THROAT

Physicians Fear W. Virginia Boy,
15 Months Old, Is Too Weak
for Operation.

By the Associated Press.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—Too
weak to withstand an operation,
which, physicians say, is the only
means of saving him, 18-months-

old Frankie Brooks hovers between
life and death here with a minis-
ture toy in the form of a motor
cycle lodged in his throat.

The plaything, placed in a pack-
age of popcorn as a "prize," was
swallowed by the child a week ago.
His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Brooks of Asco, W. Va., took the
boy to Bluefield, W. Va., for treat-
ment when their local physician
was unable to dislodge the obstruc-
tion. Friday night he was brought
to a Cincinnati hospital but sur-

geons there found the child's con-
dition would not permit an imme-
diate operation. Fear that pneu-
monia would develop was ex-
pressed by the surgeons who
awaited a betterment of the boy's
condition that they might perform
the operation they hoped would
relieve the little sufferer.

KILLS MAN, THEN GOES TO SLEEP

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The body
of Thomas O'Connell, 38 years old,

of Yonkers, N. Y., the head crushed
by blows, was found in the hallway
of a West Side apartment house
yesterday.

John Farrell, a tenant in the
building, arrested, told police that
O'Connell had annoyed Mrs. Far-
rell with his attentions. She told
police she had tried to avoid O'Con-
nell and that he came to call last
night when her husband was at
home. Farrell chased O'Connell
down the stairway and attacked

him with a hammer. After
killing he went back to his apart-
ment, where the hammer was
found, and went to sleep.

Twelfth Ward Negroes for
Kiel.
Henry W. Kiel, candidate for
Republican nomination and
fourth term as Mayor, was
yesterday afternoon at a
meeting of the Twelfth Ward Negro
organization at 6117 Colorado avenue.

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ing can answer. Christmas, twenty-five years
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WOMEN'S FANCY WOOL
BOYS' WOOL SOCKS, broken
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75 WOMEN'S GINGHAM

60 BLOOMERS of magnolia
150 INFANTS' FANCY DE
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87 MEN'S LOUNGING ROBES, broken sizes.	1/2 Off
318 MEN'S WOOL SCARFS, all offered at.	1/2 Off
78 MEN'S BOXED BELTS, our entire stock.	1/4 Off
WOMEN'S FANCY WOOL HOSE, seconds.	1/2 Off
BOYS' WOOL SOCKS, broken sizes, at.	1/4 Off
MEN'S HEAVY WOOL SOCKS, many sizes.	1/2 Off
WOMEN'S WOOL UNDERWEAR, broken sizes.	1/2 Off

BOYS' FLAT FLEECE UNION SUITS.	1/2 Off
BOYS' 2-KNICKER WOOL SUITS, broken sizes.	1/2 Off
BOYS' WOOL OVERCOATS, sizes 2 1/2 to 4 years.	1/2 Off
BOYS' IMPORTED WOOL MUFFLERS, at.	1/2 Off
COWBOY, INDIAN AND POLICEMAN SUITS.	1/3 Off
BOYS' BLANKET ROBES, entire stock.	1/2 Off
BOYS' WOOL JERSEY JUVENILE SUITS.	1/3 Off
150 PCS. SILK UNDERWEAR, soiled and mused.	1/3 Off
94 WOMEN'S COTTON FLANNELETTE GOWNS.	1/3 Off
75 WOMEN'S GINGHAM PETTICOATS, at.	1/3 Off

60 BLOOMERS of magnolia cloth, dark color.	1/3 Off
150 INFANTS' FANCY DRESSES, broken lots.	1/3 Off
170 LITTLE BOYS' SUITS.	1/3 Off
104 SILK AND FELT BONNETS AND HATS.	1/2 Off
93 PAIRS BABY SHOES, broken sizes.	1/3 Off
Infants' Dresses, Petticoats, Gertrudes, Knitted Sweaters, Caps and Coats.	1/3 Off

Wool, Silk, Lining Remnants . . . 1/4 Off

Remnants of Silks, including plain and printed crepe de chine, flat crepes, tub silks, Georgettes, rapiers, taffetas, novelties.

Remnants of Wool and part Wool Fabrics in desirable lengths for suits, coats, dresses, etc. Lengths from 1/2 to 4 yards.

Remnants of printed cotton charmeuse lingettes, cotton satens, plain or fancy rayon, mull silk (silk and lisle) brocades, etc.

260 MEN'S FELT SLIPPERS, with leather soles.	1/3 Off
WOMEN'S KID SLIPPERS, with leather soles.	1/3 Off
275 CHILDREN'S FELT BOOTEES, kid tips and heels.	1/3 Off
424 WOMEN'S KID MULES, with covered heels.	1/3 Off
300 MEN'S FELT SLIPPERS, with velvet collar.	1/4 Off
123 BANDETTES, some soiled and mused.	1/4 Off
65 BOXES SANITARY NAPS, 3 in box.	1/2 Off
128 GIRDLES, CORSELETTES, GARTER BELTS.	1/2 Off

BOXED PERFUME, various odors.	1/2 Off
DOLLS, large size mama and baby Dolls.	1/2 Off
BOXES STATIONERY, 24 sheets and 24 envelopes.	1/2 Off
Pieces JEWELRY, necklaces, bracelets, etc.	1/2 Off
HANDKERCHIEFS, men's and women's; boxed.	1/2 Off
HAIR BRUSHES, ivory white.	1/2 Off
WAXED FLOWERS, offered at.	1/2 Off
LEATHER BAGS AND PURSES.	1/2 Off
250 APRONS, of colored or white organdie.	1/2 Off
271 GIRLS' AND JUNIORS' COATS.	1/4 Off
139 SWEATERS, women's coat style.	1/4 Off
BLANKETS AND BEDSPREADS, odd lots.	1/4 Off

Choice of 624 Hats

We have regrouped our Fall and Winter Hats and offer them at this radical reduction. Styles for children, misses, young women and matron. Felt, metallic, velvet and combinations in a host of styles for immediate wear. Large and small head sizes. An excellent opportunity to select a new Hat at a small cost.

(Downstairs Store.)

1/2 PRICE

MISSES' and WOMEN'S WINTER APPAREL IS RADICALLY REDUCED • WEDNESDAY •



FUR COATS \$50 \$75 \$100

You can save considerably if you choose from these reduced groups. Coats of Northern Seal*, Caracul*, Galland Squirrel*. Russian Pony, Mendoza Beaver* and Squirrel*. Beautifully silk lined. Misses', women's and large sizes.

31 Fur Coats at 1/4 Off
*Dyed Coney **Sheared Lamb (Downstairs Store.)

Misses' and Women's Fur-Trimmed Coats

\$19.85 \$25.85 \$34.85

Reductions have been made on fashionable Winter Coats, that should attract women who seek the best for less money. Every Coat lavishly fur trimmed. The majority are silk lined, all are heavily interlined. The season's most wanted MATERIALS . . . STYLES . . . and COLORS are here. If you want a new Coat for the remaining cold days and for next Winter, NOW is the time to select it. We suggest that you be here when the sale begins at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

67 Winter Coats reduced to \$10
43 Winter Coats reduced to \$16
64 High Type Coats reduced to 1/4 Off

Large-Size Coats

\$19.85 \$25.85 \$34.85

Wanted Styles, Materials and Colors. Sizes 42 1/2 to 52 1/2. (Downstairs Store.)

Men of Byrd Party While Away Time With Song and Jest While Ship Bumps on Through Ice Pack

Resting in Bunks Between Watches, They Listen to Music of Accordion and Talk With Their Comrades.

By RUSSELL OWEN.

(Copyright, 1928.)
This story is told exclusively in St. Louis in the Post-Dispatch. All news articles from members of the Byrd party or from special correspondents associated with it will appear only in the Post-Dispatch in this city.

ON BOARD THE BARK CITY OF NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Our days go on bumping. Ramming the pack, pushing huge cakes aside, now backing, now struggling ahead a little, the sturdy little ship makes its way slowly south.

Always there is the grumbling and crunching hiss of ice along the side, the shouts of orders, the barking and whining of impatient dogs. Outside is the white field of snow-covered ice, smooth and rolling or broken and twisted into a thousand fragments that have been welded together under the touch of winter cold.

Life goes gayly, nevertheless. Busy with their many tasks of resting in their bunks between watches, the men joke and laugh at each other, hurl good-natured gibes over mistakes or break in song from sheer light-heartedness.

There is much humor in a heterogeneous crew of this kind, with scientist and stoker eating side by side and commenting with the feeling and that good fellowship which finds refuge in banter on each other's foibles.

Friendships Prevail on Ship. We would be very uncomfortable if we could not laugh; as it is, no more loyal and unselfish crew ever sailed the sea. It is evident in the queer way a man will show consideration for another's feelings, or do some little thing to help him.

Down in the tiny forecastle, forward of the larger forecastle and messroom, Sverre Strom, the first mate, is playing his big accordion, to the delight of those around him. It is a small room, with four large bunks along each side, in two tiers. An electric bulb overhead shines yellow through the smoke of many pipes. The blue light against the ceiling, curling around the ponderous beams and elbows, is thick like the snow and the fog outside, making dim the corners of the room.

A litter of packing cases, bags and suitcases is on the floor, which is paved with bits of paper and string, matches and the things which tired men drop and forget to pick up.

Clothing Hangs All About. Hanging from the partitions and the ceiling and hooks and strings are ski boots, a lantern, bags and bits of clothing, heavy coats and sweaters. There is a smell of dampness and tobacco and the musty odor of boots.

Some pictures of those left behind are tacked on the inner walls of bunks, smiling faces of women looking down on one of the most masculine places on earth, a ship's forecastle.

Strom, his huge form leaning back against the wall, looks up at the deck above as his fingers, light in their touch, find the many keys of his instrument. His woolen shirt is open at the neck. His eager, lean face, burned by the blast of many an Arctic night, his meditative and deep-set eyes, under bleached, scraggly eyebrows, look far away as he plays some of the plaintive songs of his own land.

A pipe is caught in his teeth and the smoke from its drip up past the light, a dim blue spiral. Old Sallmaker Blinks Away. Old Martin Ronne, the sailmaker, across the way, leans on his sewing machine, a smile creasing his leather cheek on each side of his beaked nose, his eyes blinking continuously as if he were about to fall asleep. But Martin always blinks. "Walrus" we call him.

Bert Balchen, the aviator, sprawls on a pile of bags, contentedly listening, and Dean (Babe) Smith, another pilot, stretches his long legs half way across the room and carcases the pipe bowl with a grimy hand.

"That is good," says Balchen with a characteristic nod of his head, as Strom finishes, and his face slowly relaxes in a half smile.

There is something very fine about this man Strom, whose life has been spent wrestling a living from the eternal ice of the North, a gentleness and courtesy more marked because of his rugged strength. He plays a gay song, his gray eyes smiling at us as he moves his head in time to the music, and our bodies unconsciously sway and our feet tap the floor.

Ice Makes Ship Sway. The whole forecastle aways sideways as the ship runs up on a floe and slides off again, and a rumbling, tearing sound comes through the planks. No one pays any attention to it. We are used to it now.

Through the open door to the larger forecastle, which runs almost to amidships, can be seen the companionway steps coming down from the hatch. The smoke blows through and flows upward to be torn apart in eddies by the cold air rushing down. The long mess table is on one side.

In this large room everyone, including Commander Byrd, eats. Around the sides are bunks for 50 men. Light from the hatch and a few bulbs illuminate the forward end, but the room fades away into a dense shadow from which comes the sound of men arguing or laughing as they wait their turn at table.

Cries of Men at Dinner. Dishes clatter and there are cries for more soup and demands to

know what the blazes became of the butter.

Even during the meals, some of the men are sleeping there, curtains of nondescript material cutting off some of the lights. They sprawl in twisted positions, legs drawn up and one arm thrown over the side. Bags are everywhere under foot and clothing hangs from lines in the semi-obscurity.

A few men, oblivious of the noise, are reading in their bunks, if they have enough light, or are sitting near the hatch on a pile of bags, smoking, sewing on clothes or writing letters which will be sent home some day.

We eat in three messes, and the long table is filled each time. Charles Lofgren, the major domo, having brought order out of the chaos which existed at first when everyone tried to eat at once. He is resplendent in Dundreary whiskers and carries a towel of indeterminate gray around his neck.

His hands are the cleanest aboard, for which all are thankful, as it is Charles who dips out the soup and passes the cake. Syd Green, the steward, and Dick Konter, the assistant steward, help him. Syd rushes the food from the galley and washes the dishes.

There are always late arrivals who meet with the best possible defense the scathing sarcasm of Lofgren as he informs them to the minute just how late they are.

"Working," says one.

"Oh, I beg your pardon," answers Lofgren with mock politeness.

"And where have you been, Cy-clone?" he asks, as William Haines, our chubby meteorologist, ambles down the companionway, 10 minutes late.

"My watch stopped," mumbles Haines apologetically.

Stoker Has a Suggestion. "Oh, tell him you got caught in the subway jam or missed the trolley car," yells Kennard Butler from an upper bunk where his legs dangle. He has come up from stoking, although his regular occupation is that of airplane mechanic.

The ship lurches against an ice cake and Lofgren spills soup on some one's hair and down his neck, while the sprinkled one roars picturesque objections. Lofgren calmly mops up his victim with a dish towel.

Stumble up the steep steps to the deck, a deck littered with boxes and dog crates, cases of stores opened there because there was no other place to open them. This accumulated confusion is cleared away on one side so the galley may be reached.

Warm in Cook's Galley. A breath of warm air, laden with the smell of roasting meat and the appetizing odor of new bread, floats out of the open door. It is warm in there, a good shelter from the chill wind that blows off the ice, and someone is generally hugging the stove and chatting with George Tennant, the cook.

Round and benign, with a calm which nothing can disturb, George smiles upon all who come and discusses in a low monotone, which never varies, the incomprehensible things which the men do outside the galley.

His is an ordained world. No matter how we roll, with water sloshing about his ankles, George imperturbably turns out good things to eat. He is a bit skeptical of human intelligence and motives, but if in the late evening, one becomes empty, it is only necessary to go to George with a sad and longing expression to get a cup of cocoa and a bit of bread. A philosopher and a good egg is George, whose cynicism has not robbed him of his humanity.

Dog Has Mournful Cry. There are dogs in cages on each side of the galley, and one has an unearthly howl, a high, trembling, wolflike cry.

"That dog," says George, shaking his head mournfully. The animal is the one disturbing element in George's life.

Going aft, one has to climb up on steps made of the corners of boxes and crates, holding on to the rigging, to a pathway to the dog crates piled high amidships. This leads to a point near the deckhouse, where one can swing down to the poop.

High up on the house in the cutting wind, dodging between dog crates—for some are in there—and radio antenna, is "Silk Hat Harry" Adams, second mate, conducting us through. He wears a fur hat with a silk crown, whence his name. The flaps dangle down over his ears, and he has a disreputable looking suit of oilskins that were once yellow. He is not very large, and, with his hands in his pockets and his shoulders hunched up, he looks as if he had been shriveled.

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Colds

Colds right now are dangerous and serious complications may follow. Don't take chances, go to your drugist right away and get a 50c box of the Old Reliable ZERBST'S CAPSULES, sold for over 20 years.

Insist on getting ZERBST'S CAPSULES

UNION ELECTS KREYLING SECRETARY 29TH TIME

Central Trades Also Makes Dan Murphy President for Sixth Term.

David Kreyling, 70-year-old dean of St. Louis labor leaders, was re-elected secretary of the Central Trades and Labor Union for the twenty-ninth consecutive time at a meeting yesterday afternoon at Unity Hall, Grand and Page boulevards.

Kreyling, a cigar maker by trade, has been connected with union labor in St. Louis since 1877 and has been affiliated with the Central Trades since its organization 10 years later. Prior to his first election as secretary of the body in 1900, he served a number of terms as president of the organization. He has been a delegate to more than a dozen American Federation of Labor conventions, and has been chairman of various arbitration committees and other labor delegations. He is also a familiar figure at civic functions, representing local labor unions at municipal affairs. Kreyling resides at 3457 Minnesota avenue.

Other officers re-elected with Kreyling were Dan Murphy, Department Store Drivers' Union, who became president for the sixth consecutive term; Murray J. Douglas, Street Car Men's Union, vice president; John Rossfeld, Brewery Workers' Union, financial secretary; Peter Heisel, Bakers' Union, treasurer;

George Fuller, sergeant-at-arms; and William Coombs, E. Evenloh and Emil Ruhl, trustees. A resolution opposing the proposal that the Mayor be empowered to appoint the members of the Board of Education was adopted on the ground that such appointive power would enable the Mayor to build up a political organization within the School Board.

The meeting also registered formal protest against a proposal by the Public Service Company to discontinue the Vandeventer street car line between Market street and Natural Bridge avenue. Louis Graesser, secretary of the Street Car Men's Union, stated that the proposed change would throw about 60 motormen and conductors out of jobs.

BYRD'S MEN WHILE AWAY TIME WITH SONG AND JEST IN ICE FIELD

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by the wind. His face is brown and puckered.

Flyer Gets Cold Water Shower. Capt. Alton Parker, the aviator, was taking a bath in the boiler room yesterday, after coming off watch, and Tom Mulroy lifted a curtain behind him and heaved a bucket of cold sea water on Parker's back.

George H. Black, known to us as Blackie, is checking the weight of supplies for the sled parties in a corner of the ward room, for most of it still is filled with fur bags, while Lawrence M. (Larry) Gould, geologist, looking like a pirate, with a black beard and sweater, which he insists is clean, is reading a book on zoogeography. "Hey, how much does a theodolite weigh?" asks Blackie.

"Oh, about 13 pounds," says Gould nonchalantly.

"Huh? Guess I'd better weigh it," retorts Blackie.

"Anyway, I can drop that just

as quick as I can a grate bar." Blackie is the supply officer on board, and his job is to find things as they are needed. What a task that is on a ship loaded so tightly that hardly anything can be moved can be imagined. He has organized the "I Don't Know Club," the phrase which is invoked when anyone is asked the location of a needed article. However, it is generally found in the end, by dint of strenuous digging into piles of boxes.

Nobody could find scales yesterday, and today we have three sets. And all depends upon the chief.

Joe Fascinates Byrd. Commander Byrd comes out of his cabin with a sheaf of papers in his hand containing lists and weights and food values of rations for the sleds, over which he has been working for several days. He checks navigation, watches the coal and the handling of the ship in difficult moments.

The ice fascinates him, and he stays on deck for hours studying its formation. At any moment of the day or night, if one can call it night when the sun shines, he is apt to pop up on deck to see if everything is being conducted properly. The important decisions are his, the responsibility is his, and the lives of these men depend upon his judgment. There is little that escapes him. So it can be that our world, although narrowly circumscribed, is a busy one. There is something for everyone to do, and it is done cheerfully.

Street Car Man Held Up for \$35.

Roy Lyons, operator of a one-man car on the Rosemont line of the East St. Louis suburban street railways, reported to police that he was held up and robbed of his money changer, containing \$35, at 11:30 o'clock last night by two men who boarded the car at the end of the line, at Fifty-sixth street and Caseyville avenue, East St. Louis.

TWO GET 25 YEARS FOR KIDNAPING OF BILLY RANIERI

Angelo Pettiti and Andrew Cappellano Convicted in Chicago, but Son of One Is Acquitted.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Detectives today guarded the homes of the 12 men who early yesterday found Angelo Pettiti and Andrew Cappellano guilty of kidnaping Billy Ranieri, 19 years old, and holding him for a \$60,000 ransom.

Punishment was fixed by the jury at 25 years' imprisonment in the penitentiary for having held the lad captive for \$60,000 ransom.

A heavy guard also was maintained about the homes of Angelo Pettiti, father of Billy, and Mike Devito, who had testified for the prosecution. Letters threatening death were sent to Ranieri and Devito during the trial.

Judge Gentzel, who also received a death threat, refused protection. He commended the jurors for their courage in trying the case and thanked them for their "service to the county."

Jury Out Nearly Five Hours.

Pettiti and Cappellano sat stoically as the jurors returned with the verdict, nearly five hours after they had heard the prosecution demand the death penalty.

As it was read Pettiti shook hands with George Guenther, defense attorney. Cappellano started straight ahead at his wife, the mother of nine children. She began to sob.

Tony Cappellano, son of Andrew, also charged with the kidnaping, was acquitted. In their closing arguments, Prosecuting Attorneys indicated they would not be averse to freeing Tony.

Guenther immediately made a motion for a new trial and the hearing was set for Jan. 25.

The trial, which was punctuated by one sensation after another since the selection of jurors began several weeks ago, nearly resulted in a fist fight between opposing attorneys Saturday night. The argument arose over the assertion of Prosecutor Charles Mueller that Pettiti and Cappellano had taken out only their first naturalization papers. George Guenther, defense counsel, called the statement a lie, and Mueller invited him into the corridor to "settle the thing man to man."

Says Cappellano Held Boy

Assistant State's Attorney Hoffman was bitter as he closed his case and reviewed the evidence showing that Cappellano was the man who kept Billy Ranieri prisoner on his farm, while Pettiti was negotiating with his father for ransom. The first demand was \$60,000, and eventually the kidnapers agreed to accept \$5000 down and \$2000 upon delivery of the boy.

Pettiti he characterized as a "brute, vicious criminal and arch conspirator, who would fatten his paunch without working." He recalled indirectly the slaying last week of Ole Scully, an Italian contractor, who was to take the stand and repeat grand jury testimony to the effect that Pettiti had lived by extortion for the last 20 years.

Pettiti's court plea was that he became interested in the extortion negotiations at the behest of Billy's father, Alex. Frank Ranieri, a sewer contractor, and was not connected with the gang that held the boy captive for 13 days on the farm near Kankakee, Ill.

Forced Into One Says. Cappellano contended that Billy was forced upon him by the abductors and that he held him prisoner as an alternative to losing one of his own children.

The kidnaping of Billy last Sept. 6, aroused Chicago. For five days following the abduction, the father tried secretly to come to terms with the kidnap gang, and, failing, laid the case before authorities.

After intensive police investigation, Pettiti was arrested and held without bail as chief of the kidnaping gang. Four days after his arrest Billy turned up on a highway near Joliet, Ill., where his captors had released him, none the worse except for a black eye. The Cappellanos were arrested in Herrin, Ill., a few days after their deserted farm was identified by Billy.

SO ANGRY AT DITCHING OF AUTO THAT HE CUTS OWN THROAT

Boyd Kelly, 36 years old, slashed his throat at his home, 3946 North Eleventh street, last night, in a fit of anger after his automobile ran from a driveway into a gully.

Kelly was preparing to take his sister, Mrs. David Mooney, and his brother-in-law downtown, at 8 o'clock, when the machine became mired in the gully. He returned to the house and slashed his throat. Police were told that Kelly's wife killed herself a year ago, leaving him with seven children. He is in a serious condition at city hospital.

Two Laundry Workers Injured.

Everett Plank, 41½ Forest Park avenue, and Neil Joyce, a Negro, 1822 Division street, employees of the Walker Family Laundry, 4115 Olive street, were injured yesterday when struck by a pressing machine weighing 1700 pounds, which fell while they were hoisting it to the second floor of the laundry. Plank suffered a skull fracture and Joyce was cut and bruised.

Famous-Barr Co. Announces the Purchase & Sale of the Entire Stock of Corticelli Silks

Remaining in the Corticelli Silk Co.'s St. Louis Store

Offered . . . Beginning Wednesday . . . at

\$1.55

The Corticelli Silk Co., one of America's most reputable manufacturers of high-grade Silks, has discontinued carrying a line of dress fabrics in its St. Louis Store, and—rather than move their remaining stock from the city—sold at a price that enables us to present this decidedly unusual saving opportunity. To these we have added quality Silks from our own higher-priced assortments . . . making this the Silk-buying event of the season!

PRINTED RADIUM

Soft finished, lustrous Radium Silk in a variety of smart printed patterns. 40 inches wide.

FLAT CREPE

Heavy weighted silk Crepe in popular flat weave. Splendid choice of desirable colors. 40 inches wide.

BLACK SATIN

All-silk dress Satin, of close, firm weave, with soft finish. Forty inches wide.

PRINTED CREPE

Excellent quality of all-silk crepe de chine in a delightful choice of lovely printed patterns. 40 inches wide.

PRINTED GEORGETTE

Large all-over printed patterns in various colors . . . on sheer Georgette crepe. 40 inches wide.

"THISTLEDOWN" SILK

An exquisite quality of soft, suede-finished Radium Silk in a pleasing range of colors. 40 inches wide.

PRINTED SATIN

Soft, drapable quality of all-silk satin, printed with smart, all-over designs. 40 inches wide.

PURE-DYED CREPE

An exceptionally rich quality of crepe de chine which has always been sold at a standard price, 40 inches wide.

CHIFFON TAFFETA

Crisp and lustrous. In plain and changeable shades; for youthful dance frocks and fancy work. 35 inches wide.

FLORAL TAFFETA

Lovely soft finish . . . with delicately tinted grounds, splashed with gorgeous floral designs. 35 inches wide.

SATIN CREPE

Heavy satin-faced crepe of excellent quality, in a wide choice of fashionable shades. Forty inches wide.

PRINTED VELVETEEN

Firmly woven, mercerized cotton Velveteen with fast pile. Printed in neat all-over patterns. 35 inches wide.

Third Floor

"Lily of France" Samples

Beginning Wednesday . . . An Offering of Extreme Value-Giving Importance

Many St. Louis women are watching eagerly for this announcement . . . in order to select garments of their favorite make, at a saving of more than half in some instances. Garments of quality . . . designed by experts . . . in the season's correct styles . . . all to be fitted in our usual painstaking manner.

\$8, \$10 and \$12
Girdles and Step-Ins

\$5

Front-clasp and side-closing Girdles of high-grade brocade and elastic . . . with or without boning. Low tops. Long below the waist. Very trim and comfortable.

\$8, \$10 and \$12
Duosettes

\$5

Clever combinations of brassiere and girdle. Some models have jersey tops and are open part way. Others open all the way. Not every size in each style.

\$15 to \$22 Duosettes

Splendid foundation garments, carefully designed of exquisite materials . . . in various styles to meet individual requirements. Incomplete range of sizes.

\$10

Fifth Floor

DOUBLE EAGLE STAMPS WEDNESDAY

FAMOUS-BARR CO.

Charge Purchases Made the Balance of This Month Will Be Placed on Your January Statement Payable in February



TO SERVE is a privilege—to spread joy a pleasure. The Vandervoort store family has enjoyed one of the greatest holiday seasons in its seventy-nine years of existence.

Every member of the Vandervoort store family joins in wishing you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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For Christmas

Appealing assortments of incomparable confections, packed in beautiful Treasure Chests, also Satin Tufted Baskets of various designs and colors. A wonderful collection of other containers that convey the ultimate in both domestic and foreign handicraft. You will find your candy purchasing a pleasure amid our selections.

Special Christmas Chocolates

Delicious assortments of Light or Dark Chocolates. Ready packed in 1, 2, 3 and 5 pound boxes. Also packed in combination of both light and dark. The superb quality of these chocolates have set the standard measure for excellence.

Price The Pound 75c

Rose-Bud Chocolates: Assortment of eleven different kinds, confined to Nut and Fruit Centers exclusively. . . in 1 to 5 pound boxes. . . the pound \$1.35

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A generous Gift Box of delicious sweets. Assorted Chocolate Dipped Fruits and Nuts; Creams with delicious centers; Bon-Bons; Honey Nougats; luscious Glazed Fruits and many other tempting Mavrakos creations. Specially priced until Christmas.



Beginning Wednesday, December 26, Famous-Barr Co.'s After-Christmas Apparel Sale

Affording Decisive Savings on Fashionable Garments of Many Types

Winter Coats

Originally \$195 to \$395

At Savings of $\frac{1}{3}$

Ultra-elegant Coats in distinctive styles. Rich, luxurious fabrics and glossy fur trimmings of skunk, badger, fitch, beaver, squirrel, mountain sable and others are represented in this selected group of Coats in dressy, smart styles of almost regal splendor. Women's, misses' and extra sizes.

An event looked forward to each year by discriminating St. Louis women and misses... offering a splendid opportunity to choose fashionable apparel for every smart occasion at savings of the most extraordinary sort... especially timely, coming when many have Christmas money to invest... and especially interesting because the modes are sponsored by St. Louis' Dominant Store for Style.

All Sales
Must Be
Final

COSTUMES

Originally \$75 to \$295

At Savings of

$\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$

Ultra-smart Frocks from the Costume Salon and Misses' Style Shop, including models for street, afternoon, dinner and evening wear. Velvet... chiffon... satin... Elizabeth crepe... flat crepe... beaded styles... and metallic cloths are represented in mostly one and two of a kind.

Fourth Floor

Shagmoor and Swansdown Coats

Originally \$35 to \$295

At Savings of $\frac{1}{3}$

Many will want to take advantage of this once-a-year opportunity to secure one at such a saving. All are silk-lined and richly fur-trimmed. Women's, Misses' and Extra sizes.

Women's & Misses' Ensembles

Originally \$49.75 to \$250

At Savings of $\frac{1}{2}$

Smart, tailored models and dressier types in a splendid selection of correct styles. Many of the season's favorite shades. Women's and Misses' sizes.



FUR COATS

Originally \$135 to \$2250

At a Saving of $\frac{1}{3}$

Unrestricted choice of every Fur Coat in our collection... for sports, general or dress wear... of Hudson Seal (dyed muskrat), Squirrel, Jap Weasel, Caracul, American Broadtail, Jap Mink, Cocos, Ermine and the other furs. A saving which is exceptionally important, considering the value giving which our six-store buying power provides at all times!

Fur Scarfs, Originally \$35 to \$295... Less 10%

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Originally \$10

\$7.85

Chinchilla Coats: cotton suede lined, double-breasted with convertible collars and deep hems. Sizes 8 to 14. \$1.95 Chinchilla Tams, \$1

Originally \$10

\$5.75

Various attractive styles in jerseys and novelty combination effects. Sizes 8 to 14.

Originally \$22.95 to \$29.75

\$15.75

Tailored models... beautiful dressy models. Handsomely fur-collared, practical and smart Coats. Sizes 10 to 14.

Girls' Practical Fur Coats, at a saving of $\frac{1}{3}$

Evening Wraps

Originally \$59.75 to \$395

Now at Savings of

$\frac{1}{2}$

Wraps of velvet, metallic cloth, satin and velvet combinations. Some are exquisitely self-trimmed and some have soft, lovely furs. Black and beautiful bright shades. Women's and misses' sizes.

Costumes

Originally \$50 to \$75

In a Special Group at

\$25

Gowns and Frocks for daytime and evening wear... fashioned of satin, Canton crepe, Elizabeth crepe, flat crepe and velvet in beautiful colors and smart, distinctive styles. Sizes 34 to 40.

Frocks—Originally \$19.75 to \$29.75

Models for daytime and evening wear... of Georgette, crepe satin, Canton crepe, velvet and velvet combinations. Rich shades and black. Sizes 14 to 52½.

\$13.75

Frocks—Originally \$32.50 to \$39.75

For daytime, dinner and evening... Frocks distinguished by the most recent style details. Fashioned of velvet or velvet combinations, also Georgettes, satins and silk crepes. Sizes 14 to 52½.

\$22

Frocks—Originally \$39.75 to \$49.75

Mid-Winter models with latest style features. Velvets, Georgettes, satins and flat crepes, in pastel and street shades. Women's, misses' and extra sizes.

\$27

New Dresses—Specially Priced

Frocks embodying advance fashion features for Spring. Chiffon, Georgette, flat crepe and lovely printed crepes. Sizes 34 to 44.

\$37

New Dresses—Specially Priced

Frocks specially purchased for this event... distinctly new and fresh in style. Shown in beautiful high shades and printed crepes of clever patterns. Sizes 34 to 44.

\$23

New Dresses—Specially Priced

Specially purchased... in wide variety of the newest, smartest styles. Included are Georgettes, flat crepes and printed crepes. Scores of clever style details! Sizes 14 to 44.

\$19.75

Spring Dresses—Specially Priced

Several hundred new Dresses specially purchased and featuring the new shades favored for Spring. Advance style types in printed silks, Georgettes and silk crepes. Sizes 14 to 44.

\$12.75

Misses' Evening Frocks—Special

Very new! Smartest of Frocks fashioned of taffeta, satin, chiffon and Georgette... in delicate pastels or more subdued shades. Style details that the fashionable miss will approve.

\$25

Misses' Evening Frocks—Special

Specially priced, this group includes Frocks that will be most desirable for the many events of the Holiday season. Smart, youthful modes. Sizes 14 to 18.

\$35

Double Eagle
Stamps Wednesday

... Instead of Tuesday...
This additional saving opportunity comes a day later than usual this week because of the holiday.

Charge Purchases Made Balance of Month Placed on Your January Statement—Payable in February!

FAMOUS-BARR CO.

OPERATED BY THE MAY DEPT. STORES CO.

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Famous-Barr Co. . . . St. Louis' Dominant Men's Store
Offers Surpassing Values in the

After-Christmas Apparel Sale

Beginning Wednesday at 9 O'Clock... Thousands
of New Two-Trouser Suits and Overcoats...
A Tremendous Assortment!

\$35, \$40 and \$45 VALUES

Ⓢ A Sale that is eagerly awaited each year because it affords a wonderful opportunity to invest Christmas money and Gift Certificates in clothes of splendid quality. This year unusually profitable purchases can be made—the values in many instances exceeding previous offerings. These clothes are from reputable makers, in styles, fabrics and patterns that can readily be recommended. We expect spirited buying Wednesday from the moment the store opens at 9 o'clock. You, too, should attend and provide for present and future requirements.



The Suits

Hundreds of new styles for all men and young men. Single and double breasted in fabrics from renowned American Standard mills. Worsteds, Serges, Cassimeres, Tweeds, Twists, Herringbones, Cheviots. Regular sizes and slims, shorts and stouts.

\$50, \$55 and \$60 Two-Trouser Suits and Overcoats

Of a Quality Seldom Associated With So Low a Price

\$39

Very substantial savings are afforded on the season's newest Overcoats and Two-Trouser Suits! The Overcoats are made up in imported and domestic fabrics. There are double-breasted form-fitting models, Ulsters, Chesterfields, Raglans and many others. An almost unlimited selection of new single and double breasted Suits. All sizes.

The Overcoats

Double-breasted box coats, motor coats, heavy Ulsters, Chesterfields, raglans, for men of every age and preference. They come in rich overcoat fabrics of various weight, are silk lined and expertly tailored. Every one is decidedly exceptional at the price. All sizes.

\$65, \$70 and \$75 Two-Trouser Suits and Overcoats

From Several of America's Foremost Tailors—Extraordinary at

\$54

Here are Suits and Overcoats that bear such widely famed labels as "Fruhauf" and "Society Brand" and the group includes several others. They have all the distinguished marks of the finest custom made clothes and come in some of the best fabrics produced here and abroad. A wide selection of styles.



BOYS' \$16.00 SUITS

With 2 Pairs of Long Trousers

For Boys 12 to 18... **\$13.95**

Ⓢ This is an event for boys, too—and a most important one! Here, for example, are the newest styles in single-breasted Suits, well tailored from durable herringbones and tweeds in gray and tan mixtures. They're Suits that will wear and wear—the initial saving is not the only one.

Two-Trouser Knicker Suits

\$12.75 Value... **\$9.95**

Single and double-breasted in various shades of brown, gray, tan and dark colors. Splendidly made of staunch, wear-resisting fabrics. Sizes 7 to 14 years.

Sheep-Lined Coats

\$6.95 Value... **\$5.75**

Snug, warm Coats that will give splendid service. Made of durable khaki moleskin, lined with sheepskin. Large collar, 4 pockets, and full belt. Sizes 8 to 16 years.



Shopworn Toys

Things That Santa Forgot to Bring—All Noteworthy Values.

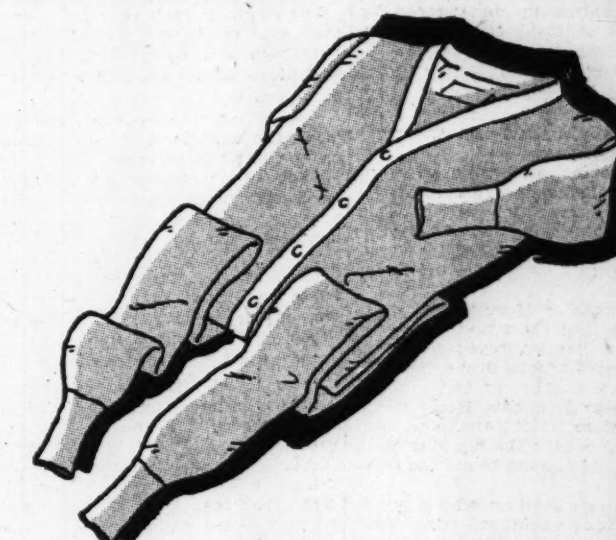
Save 1/4 on These!

—Velocipedes, Coaster Wagons, Parkeycles, Automobiles, Sidewalk Cars, Chairs, Desk Sets, Trains and Train Supplies and numerous other things the kiddies want. Soiled or shopworn samples.

Save 1/2 on These!

Slightly soiled Dolls and Doll Clothes, this lot includes Mama Dolls, Baby Dolls, Character and Felt Dolls and Doll Accessories.

Basement Gallery



Four Value-Giving Groups of

Men's Underwear

Offered, Beginning Wednesday... at Emphatic Savings!

Union Suits

\$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 Grades

\$1.89

Snug Winter weight Union Suits that contain 50, 25 or 10 per cent wool, combined with cotton. Well made, splendidly fitting garments that wear well. All sizes but not in every style. Tan and gray only.

Wool Union Suits

\$5 and \$6 Values, Featured at

\$2.95

Limited number... at savings that should impel early and liberal choice. Knitted of soft, durable wool yarns. Well made and snug-fitting. Not every size included.

Union Suits

\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 Grades

89c

All well-known makes... Excellently made of ribbed cotton in heavy, medium and light weights. Sizes 36 to 48 in your choice of tan or gray. An economy to buy for future use.

Shirts or Drawers

\$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.00 Garments, Each

\$1.15

A splendid assortment... all from well-known makers. Light, medium and heavy weights. Sizes 32 to 50, but not in every style. An opportunity to effect unusual savings.

Second Floor

Our Entire Stock of Strap and Oxford Style

Billiken Shoes

Beginning Wednesday Affording Outstanding Savings

Ⓢ Share in these remarkable values Wednesday! Bring the children to be outfitted for present and future needs in widely and favorably known Billikens. All sizes but not in each style.

For Children...

\$4.50 Value... **\$3.75**
 \$6 Value... **\$3.45**

Sizes 8 1/2 to 11 1/2. Straps and Oxfords of camel and smoked elk. Stitch-down and welt soles.

For Growing Girls...

Sizes 2 1/2 to 7, \$5.50 and \$6 Value... **\$4.85**
 Sizes 2 1/2 to 7, \$5.00 Value... **\$4.25**

Oxfords, straps and pumps in tan and black calf and patent leather.

Third Floor

DOUBLE EAGLE STAMPS WEDNESDAY

FAMOUS-BARR CO.

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PART TWO.

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CHILDREN AND
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Army Flyers—Taken
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KING AND QUEEN
FLEE TO KANDAHAR

Afghan Ruler Trying to
ly His Forces There
Put Down Revolt
Tribesmen.

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 24.—British
Indian women and children
been evacuated safely from
British legation at Kabul, Af-
ghanistan, by airplanes.

In the meantime King Amanullah and Queen Souraya have fled their court from Kabul, Kandahar. The Afghan legation at Peshawar was endeavoring to reach New Delhi, however, by his partisans there. It was reported that order prevailed at Kabul.

The evacuation of the women and children was done at the request of the Afghan government. They were taken to Peshawar, the northwest frontier province of India. There it was said the party numbered 12 women, five children and included Humphreys, wife of the minister, J. E. Gould, R. E. reaching New Delhi, however, that 20 persons had been rescued of them Europeans and remainder Indians.

The refugees said that the British legation had been destroyed by fire during fighting between loyal troops at Kabul. Legation had been enveloped by rebel advance and communication with Kabul cut off for some time. It was continually endangered by cross-fire of loyal troops on one side and rebels on the other. Troops of the King on Saturday afternoon made a successful attack against the rebels, clearing the British legation and the way to the airfield.

The women and children carried to India in airplanes. Victoria type, which are carrying 23 fully armed men and which are used for transportation of troops in Iraq.

Dispatches to Moscow from Kabul state that the situation in Afghanistan has improved considerably. Loyal troops drove the rebels from a number of fortified positions near Baghlabala Heights, continued to hold Kandahar, Jalalabad, where the big Mar tribe was advancing to aid the government.

The King's mother, who is living among the southern tribes, in an airplane to Kandahar.

TWO KILLED IN ARGENTINA
IN CLASH BETWEEN FACTIONS

Several Wounded at San Juan While Throng Is Waiting for Arrival of Federal Mediators

By the Associated Press.
SAN JUAN, Argentina, Dec. 24.—Two persons have been killed in a clash between two factions, one composed of officers of President Yrigoyen and other anti-Personalistas.

Persons were wounded in the counter which occurred at railway station. The station was thronged with the expectation of the arrival of Federal mediators. Soldiers and mounted troops were rushed to the scene and strategic positions around the station were placed under fire and no one was permitted to enter until after the arrival of mediators.

IN REBELLION AGAINST TRIBAL LEADER

Trilal Leader Heads Revolt in Afghanistan—Troops Moving to Suppress It

BASRA, Iraq, Dec. 24.—From Persia state that Dr. Mohammed, a tribal leader, is leading a rebellion in Persia against the government.

He is rumored to have poisoned all the wells up to 120 miles southeast of Ker-
 Troops assisted by two al-
 are moving against the
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 man to Medh.

WAGE INCREASES AT NAVY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Increases of from one to ten cents an hour for certain of laborers and mechanics in the yards and stations in the States and Hawaii have been proved for next year by the Warbur.

The increases include of 1-cent advance, awarded to players at TNT filling station cause of "personal danger." Hence men "engaged in work hazardous nature" at grounds or torpedo stations in the second highest class 5-cent increase. Women workers also are in the group.

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Paris in announcing this said that
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children and included Lady
Humphreys, wife of the minister,
and Mrs. J. B. Gould. Reports
reaching New Delhi, however, said
that 20 persons had been removed,
seven of them Europeans and the
remainder Indians.The refugees said that the residence
of the British military attaché had
been destroyed by shell fire during
fighting between rebel and loyal
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nseigneur Piazzi, Federal mediator.
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were rushed to the scene and took
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mediator.

IN REBELLION AGAINST PERSIA

Tribal Leader Heads Revolt in Ba-
luchistan—Troops Moving.BASRA, Iraq, Dec. 24.—Reports
from Persia state that Dost Mo-
hammad, a tribal leader, is heading
a rebellion in Persian Baluchistan.
He is rumored to have
possessed all the wells up to a point
30 miles southeast of Kerman.
Troops assisted by two airplanes
are moving against the rebels
across the great desert from Kerman
to Medjed.

Wage Increases at Navy Yards

By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Wage
increases of from one to eight
cents an hour for certain classes
of laborers and mechanics at navy
yards and stations in the United
States and Hawaii have been ap-
proved for next year by Secretary
Wilbur.The increases include only one
3-cent advance, awarded to "em-
ployees at TNT filling stations" be-
cause of "special danger." Ord-
nance men "engaged in work of a
hazardous nature" at proving
grounds or torpedo stations are in
the second highest class, with a
5-cent increase. Women garment
workers also are in the 5-cent
group.1928 a Discouraging Year for Peace,
Says Lloyd George, Despite Kellogg
Treaty and Other Anti-War MovesFormer British Premier Cites Disturbances
From the Balkans to Bolivia, and
Discontent of Germany.By DAVID LLOYD GEORGE,
Wartime Premier of England.
(Copyright, 1928.)LONDON, Dec. 24.—From an in-
ternational point of view 1928 has
been a checked and a discourag-
ing year. From the Balkans to
Bolivia, the weather report is not
a bright one. The barometer has
been falling steadily throughout
the year. The depression in the
neighborhood of Geneva owing to
the repeated failures to make any
progress in disarmament has
spread over Europe and extended
even to America. Relations be-
tween some of the greatest nations
have been cloudy and chilly.The promising dawn of Locarno
has not been realized by the day
that followed. It has turned out
to be gray, and in some parts of
the sky, somewhat menacing. The
complete failure of the Disarmament
Commission and the failure of
the Anglo-American naval confer-
ence were an index to the gen-
eral feeling prevailing amongst na-
tions that as yet have no confi-
dence in peace and are looking to
their guns for security.The Anglo-French pact was the
worst setback which the cause of
disarmament, and therefore the
cause of peace, has yet suffered.
It indicated the abandonment by
two great Powers of any purpose
to disarm.Says System Will Continue.
The proposal that cruisers and
submarines should be limited only
in size and not in numbers does not
portend a reduction in navies, but
further development of naval ship-
building along the lines which the
late war proved to be the most de-
structive of life and property.And an agreement by which the
gigantic military reserves of the
victorious nations should not even
be discussed at disarmament confer-
ences means a perpetuation of the
military system of colossal
armies which led to the great war.What about the Kellogg pact?
The Anglo-French agreement and the
naval bill of the United States
constitute a true comment on the
first effect of a pact that was ever
to outlaw war.The whole emphasis of Europe
is on the explicit, and of America
on the implicit reservations.
"Special interests" were excluded
by Europe and America from the
provisions of the pact, and each
continent reserved the right to it-
self to place its own interpretation
on "self-defense." Within
these two limits, every war for the
last century could be defended by
those who provoked it.

Events After Pact's Signing.

That is why the signing of the
pact to outlaw war was followed
immediately in France by an in-
crease of 900,000,000 francs (\$36-
60,000) in naval and military es-
timates. In Britain by the announced
plan that the Government intended
to proceed with the naval base
at Singapore, and in the United
States by President Coolidge's
speech intended that the Govern-
ment intended to press on with
plans for additional cruisers—in Italy by Signor Mussolini's defiant
statement that inasmuch as all the
other countries were arming to
spite of the multiplication of peace
pacts he also meant to strengthen
and improve the Italian armies.The cynical boast of Mussolini
that he had signed all these pacts
and would sign many more as
they were presented to him for sig-
nature, but that all the same he
meant to improve the Italian army
and navy, has been denounced as
unworthy of his exalted position
and responsibilities. I am sorry to
think that it is thoroughly justi-
fied by the events of the last two or
three years, and notably by the
happenings of this year. Each
peace declaration adopted by the
Powers has been followed by a
definite increase in armies or navies
or both.Mauling songs of peace vocifer-
ated at international banquets to
celebrate some fresh pact or other
have been drowned by the ham-
mering sounds at the arsenals of
every nation, great and small—all
busily forging new weapons of
war. Signor Mussolini's scorn for
all this cant and humbug is entire-
ly deserved, and it is well that some
man of outstanding position should
have the courage to tell the brutal
truth.Nations, whilst devotedly gazing
on the statue of peace, are rowing
hard toward the rocks of war. De-
spite the Kellogg pact, this year
has not been a good year for peace.European statesmen have been
expressing recently in the healing
virtues of another Alpine lake.
They have tried the waters of Ge-
neva and of Maggiore—all in vain.
Herr Stresemann has now invited
them to see what Lugano can do
for the continent whose strength
is still being consumed by the low
fever of distrust.The German Foreign Minister is
a pathetic figure. He has reposed
much confidence in a policy of
conciliation. He is the real author
of Locarno. The first suggestion
of an agreement of mutual security
emanated from him. For the mo-
ment his policy seemed to be tri-
umphant. Victor and vanquisheddrank wine and broke bread to-
gether. They toasted each other
and were seen walking arm-in-arm
from congratulatory banquets.After some temporary checks
and delays, Germany was admitted
to the League of Nations and the
day of fair treatment for the van-
quished seemed to have arrived at
last. But since then three years
have elapsed and foreign troops
still are quartered on the soil of
the fatherland.Nationalists Mock at Locarno.
A German band has been for-
bidden to play "The Watch on the
Rhine" in the German Rhineland.
French and British troops have
been engaged in joint maneuvers
in German fields and through Ger-
man villages. German Nationalists,
who never believed in Locarno,
now mock at its manifest failure.Under these distressing circum-
stances, poor Herr Stresemann,
broken in health, resorts to an
other conference to piece together
the shattered fragments of a treaty
he entered into at another Alpine
conference with exactly the same
enemies represented.The same Ministers, M. Briand and
Sir Austen Chamberlain, who, with
Herr Stresemann, were the joint
authors of the Locarno melodrama,
have been, with the same smiles,
disputing with the German Foreign
Secretary the pecuniary terms upon
which they will carry out the
fraternal understanding they so
joyously entered into with him
three years ago.No wonder Herr Stresemann was
followed to the Council by the
scuffs and jeers of his adversaries
in Germany. He is reported to
have said that the Western Pow-
ers are doing their best to kill the
republic, and so they are—that, of
course, is not their intention—but
there can be no doubt that the
direct effect of their present policy
is to very much weaken the Ger-
man republic, but to strengthen
those elements in the Reich which
are bent on a policy of retaliation
and revenge.

Still Chance for Conciliation.

It is not too late for wiser coun-
sels to operate. A magnanimous
gesture would still have a chance
of establishing good feeling, and
restoring the blue skies of Locarno.
Such a gesture would be the ex-
pression of the Locarno spirit. All
depends on M. Poincare. M. Briand
will not venture on the ice unless
his chief either lead off or offers
to pull him out if he falls through.
As to Sir Austen Chamberlain, he
will play exactly the part which
M. Briand intends him to play.The Polish representative did not
help good feeling by his strange
outburst about Silesia. Germany
is very sensitive on that subject.
Germany maintains that the deci-
sion of the League on the Silesian
hunting trip with the late
Mrs. Frederick Dalzell of New
York.Lady Ross lost her case in a
lower court at Edinburgh, but
three Scotch appeal judges re-
versed the decision a fortnight
ago.An appeal from the highest
Scottish court to the House of Lords
in a divorce action is almost un-
precedented. The most eminent
counsel of the English bar will be
engaged in the case, and it is un-
likely to come up for several months.ORDINANCE PROPOSED TO FORCE
REMOVAL OF ELECTION SIGNSAn ordinance requiring that
election signs be taken down with-
in 30 days after election is to be
sought in the Board of Aldermen
by a group of South Side civic
organizations, including the Jef-
ferson-Gravois Business Circle, the
South Twelfth Street Improvement
Association, and the Tenth Ward
Investment Association.The three organizations have
been particularly active within the
last week in removal of signs
which have become dilapidated
and unsightly since the election.The bill to be proposed to the
Board of Aldermen would require
the man who placed a sign to re-
move it or have it removed.and purpose at the critical moment
in her history. But the quarrel
with France is certainly not help-
ing her. There is plenty of room
in the world for these two gitted
peoples, and plenty of scope for
the beneficial exercise of the sur-
plus energies of both. Why should
they not come to an understand-
ing on the subjects which really
concern them instead of quarrelling
about things which are only sym-
ptoms of a suppressed irritation?French statesmanship could put
right this situation, which is a
gradually darkening menace to
peace, by a frank talk with their
Italian cousins and by displaying
readiness to help Italy in the legiti-
mate endeavor to find an outlet
for its teeming population.This year is ending with a world
less assured of peace than it was
before the pact to outlaw war was
signed. What about the future?
This is my forecast as to the imme-
diate future. Further outlook un-
settled, with some local thunder.
Weather improving later on.TOKIO OBSERVES CHRISTMAS
MORE WIDELY THAN BEFOREJapanese Adopt Occidental Idea of
Gift Giving; Santa Claus Seep
on Streets.By the Associated Press.
TOKIO, Dec. 24.—This non-
Christian capital is celebrating
Christendom's great fete this year
to an unprecedented extent. This
is due partly to the fact that Dec.
25 will be observed by the nation
as the anniversary of the death in
1926 of Emperor Yoshihito, but
also because the Japanese have
adopted the Occidental day as an
occasion for gift giving.The words "Christmas" and
"Santa Claus" have become com-
mon in Japanese speech. Tokio de-
partment stores announce Christ-
mas sales, while the newspapers
carry a heavy volume of seasonal
advertising. Representations of
Santa Claus are seen frequently on
the streets, and tonight the prin-
cipal thoroughfares were decorated
as for a holiday and were filled
with bustling shoppers.The Imperial Theater has a spe-
cial Christmas attraction in a
drama called "Christ," based on
the gospel story. It was adapted
to the Japanese stage by the actor,
Sawashio, who plays the title role.
It is drawing large crowds.All this, however, represents
more a commercial than a religious
meaning. It also serves as a pre-
liminary to the big fete a week
hence, for New Year's day is the
foremost feast of the Japanese cal-
endar, even in the most modern
sections of Tokio.FOUR KILLED BY PHILIPPINE
EARTHQUAKE AND TIDAL WAVE102 Injured and Property Dam-
age of \$250,000 at Cotabato,
Provincial Capital.By the Associated Press.
MANILA, Dec. 24.—An earth-
quake and tidal wave last Wednes-
day at Cotabato, capital of the
Philippine province of that name,
killed four persons, injured 102 and
caused property damage of about
\$250,000, report today showed.The quake came during the night
and many houses collapsed. Fire
broke out but it soon was brought
under control. The tidal wave fol-
lowed flooding the city. The epi-
center of the quake was reported
to have been in the Celebes Sea,
many miles from Cotabato.Cotabato, a seaport with a popu-
lation of more than 4000, was
virtually destroyed in 1915, when
an eruption of Macaturin volcano. An
earthquake followed the eruption.ST. HELIER, Jersey Island, Dec.
24.—Slight tremors were felt on
Jersey island last night, mostly in
the eastern districts. There was
no damage.BARONET APPEALS WIFE'S
DIVORCE TO HOUSE OF LORDSDecree Obtained by Lady Ross,
Keston, on Ground of Mis-
conduct on African Hunt.By the Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Sir Charles
Ross of Balaugowan, Bart, is ap-
pealing to the House of Lords
against a divorce decree granted
his wife, Lady Ross, formerly Pa-
tricia Ellison of Kentucky, on the
ground of misconduct on an Afri-
can hunting trip with the late
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engaged in the case, and it is un-
likely to come up for several months.ORDINANCE PROPOSED TO FORCE
REMOVAL OF ELECTION SIGNSAn ordinance requiring that
election signs be taken down with-
in 30 days after election is to be
sought in the Board of Aldermen
by a group of South Side civic
organizations, including the Jef-
ferson-Gravois Business Circle, the
South Twelfth Street Improvement
Association, and the Tenth Ward
Investment Association.The three organizations have
been particularly active within the
last week in removal of signs
which have become dilapidated
and unsightly since the election.The bill to be proposed to the
Board of Aldermen would require
the man who placed a sign to re-
move it or have it removed.and purpose at the critical moment
in her history. But the quarrel
with France is certainly not help-
ing her. There is plenty of room
in the world for these two gitted
peoples, and plenty of scope for
the beneficial exercise of the sur-
plus energies of both. Why should
they not come to an understand-
ing on the subjects which really
concern them instead of quarrelling
about things which are only sym-
ptoms of a suppressed irritation?French statesmanship could put
right this situation, which is a
gradually darkening menace to
peace, by a frank talk with their
Italian cousins and by displaying
readiness to help Italy in the legiti-
mate endeavor to find an outlet
for its teeming population.This year is ending with a world
less assured of peace than it was
before the pact to outlaw war was
signed. What about the future?
This is my forecast as to the imme-
diate future. Further outlook un-
settled, with some local thunder.
Weather improving later on.WORLD LEAGUE
PROPOSED IN 1915
TO U. S. BY BRITAINState Department Gives
Out Letter of Ex-Minister
Van Dyke Written After
Suggestion Was Made.OVERTURE FROM AID
OF SIR EDWARD GREYWashington Correspondence
on Lusitania Sink-
ing With Germany Also
Published.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The
first mention of "League of Na-
tions" as a medium for possible
world peace to occur in official
American war correspondence ap-
pears in documents covering for-
eign relations in 1915, made public
yesterday by the State Department.A letter to the then Secretary of
State Lansing from Dr. Henry Van
Dyke, American Minister at The
Hague, dated Sept. 7, 1915, reports
a conversation held by Van Dyke
in London with Sir William Tyr-
rell, secretary to Sir Edward Grey,
British Foreign Minister. Tyrrell
had talked with him, "apart and
confidentially" at a dinner on Sept.
3 with six friends, Van Dyke said,
and "with such evident intention
that I feel that you should know
what he said." The substance of
the conversation as related by the
American Minister follows:"He felt that Great Britain could
not possibly consider any peace
propositions which did not include
as a first term the full restoration
of Belgium and Northern France.
If I understood him correctly, he
believed that compensation for
damages by Germany should also
be made. After that, he said, he
thought that a 'League of Nations'
should be formed to prevent the
recurrence of such a war as this,
to guarantee the respect of estab-
lished neutrality and the mainte-
nance of the general principles
embodied in The Hague conven-
tions (here the details were not
closely defined), and to punish fu-
ture infractions and violations (the
last seven words were under-
scored). He said that in his opinion,
if America were favorable to
such a scheme, her good offices
would be welcome when the
consideration of terms of peace
became possible."

Book of 1000 Pages.

The 1915 correspondence
makes up a closely printed book
of more than 1000 pages. The
Lusitania incident is the major
subject covered by the official mes-
sages, letters or memoranda on
diplomatic correspondence.The book also presents in com-
plete detail the controversy with
Great Britain over interference
with American trade and the ac-
tual exchange of letters up to the
recall of the Austro-Hungarian
Ambassador, Dr. Dumba, at the re-
quest of the United States as well
as the recall under similar circum-
stances of the German military and
naval attachés, Capt. Boy-Ed and
Von Papen.The effort of Col. Edward M.
House to negotiate an agreement
with Germany on submarine war-
fare is also included, as is the
relaxation of the food block-
ade also is related and the blunt
notice by Secretary Bryan to the
German Ambassador, Count Von
Bernstorff, that the latter's attempt
to inject himself into the neutral
rights dispute between the United
States and Great Britain would not
be tolerated.Later an equally frank conversa-
tion between Lansing and the Ger-
man ambassador, Count von Bern-
storff, is related. The German am-
bassador, with Lansing's consent,
commenting on the unwisdom of
the allied food blockade, is covered
in a memorandum.The most important notes in all
of these interchanges, particularly
with regard to the sinking of the
Lusitania, were made public by the
United States Secretary of State at
the time. The new publication con-
tains, however, more of related
and supplementary material of
value to historians in tracing the
moves and circumstances leading up
to the outbreak of the war.One incident presented for the
first time is that of the meeting
between Secretary Bryan and Am-
bassador Bernstorff in the Sec-
retary's office three days after the
Lusitania had been sunk with loss
of many American lives.The Ambassador had called to
express regret over the sinking of
Americans. A manuscript memo-
randum of the conversation was
prepared by Bryan in his own
hand, except for one striking and
significant part. It begins as fol-
lows: "The Secretary's hand.""The Ambassador from Germany
called about 11:40 and—"
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Senator Gets a Souvenir

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Sen-
ator Hiram Johnson, Republican
of California, one of the three
penns he used to sign the bill
providing for the \$165,000,000
Boulder Dam. Johnson had been
active for years in support of the
measure.Likelihood Watson Will Be Senate
Leader Disturbs Hoover's Friends"Sunny Jim" Would Interpret President's Poli-
cies but He, Too, Is Plagued by Past Attacks
on Executive-Elect and Record as Lobbyist.By CHARLES G. ROSS,
Chief Washington Correspondent
of the Post-Dispatch.WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The
likelihood that Senator James E.
Watson, "Sunny Jim" of Indiana,
will be chosen majority leader of
the Senate after Senator Curtis re-
signs to become Vice President, is
causing acute anguish to many of
the friends of the President-elect,
whose policy as chief executive the
new floor leader will be called
upon to interpret in the Senate.Only a few months ago the
senior Senator from Indiana was
denouncing Herbert Hoover with
a vigor scarcely exceeded by that
of Senator Reed of Missouri in the
same cause. Watson was one of
the "allies" in the fight to keep
Hoover from getting the Kansas
City nomination. He used lan-
guage even more critical than that
of Senator Curtis, another "ally,"
in his attack on Hoover.Watson said it would have to keep
"apologizing" until election day.
A few days before the nomina-
tion at Kansas City, Watson at-
tacked Hoover savagely at a meet-
ing on behalf of the embattled
"allies" at the Shubert Theater.
He dragged out the exploded story
that Hoover fixed the price of
wheat during the war. He charged
that Hoover's mind had an English
cast, that Hoover became a Re-
publican overnight, and so on.That speech is rising now to
plague Watson. Some of the Pro-
gressive Senators say they intend
to read pointed portions of it into
the Congressional Record.Another "Sunny Jim" Episode.
But Watson's opposition to
Hoover's candidacy is not the only
matter that is giving serious con-
cern to the latter's friends. They
are recalling another episode in
the career of Sunny Jim. Not so
many years ago he was a Washing-
ton lobbyist—an ordinary lobby-
ist, but an important figure in a
lobby that operated here during
the framing of the Payne-Aldrich
tariff bill. The story came out indetail at the Senate's famous lobby
investigation in 1913.Watson had been in the House
of Representatives for several
years, during which he had been
Republican whip and a member of
the important Committee on Ways
and Means. He had served in Con-
gress in 1908, he had run for Gov-
ernor of Indiana and had been
beaten by Thomas R. Marshall,
later the Vice President of the
United States. It was while he
was a poor citizen lobbyist, possessor
of the privileges accorded to a for-
mer member of Congress, that
Watson came to Washington to use
his influence upon Congress for
compensation.At the subsequent lobby investi-
gation under the Wilson adminis-
tration, it was testified that Watson
received a retainer of \$200 and a
stipend of \$200 a week, plus ex-
penses. His particular job was to
bring about the creation of a tariff
commission, on which the National
Association of Manufacturers, ac-
cording to the testimony, hoped to
place two of its members.What Investigators Said.
The star witness at the hearings
was the famous Col. Martin M.
Mulhall, lobbyist extraordinaire,
who told of employing Watson.
Watson himself threw some light
on his operations. His statement
led the investigating committee to
say:"The committee questions the
propriety of one who has been a
member of Congress and attained a
personal political influence capital-
izing that influence in pressing
legislative propositions upon Con-
gress for hire by personal contact
and by personal efforts with mem-
bers, as was done in this case, and
we confess to a feeling of regret
that upon any question, whatso-
ever its merits, the lobbyist for it
should be able to say as Mr. Wat-
son said in this case, 'I have vari-
ous members of Congress coming
to report to me how their delega-
tions stood.'"Watson is now the assistant
leader of the Senate majority. His
friends assert that he has the votes
to elevate him to the leadership.King Albert to Honor Hoover.
By the Associated Press.
BRUSSELS, Dec. 24.—King Al-
bert has announced his intention
of participating in the Herbert
Hoover demonstration planned for
Jan. 19, by Belgian "Friends of
America" in honor of the Presi-
dent-elect and his work as chair-
man of the Belgian Relief Com-
mission. The function will be a
national demonstration of grati-
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THE POST-DISPATCH PLATFORM

I know that my retirement will make no difference in the cardinal principles that it will always fight for progress and reform, never tolerate industrial or corruption, always fight demagogues of all parties, never belong to any party, always oppose privileged classes and public plunderers, never lack sympathy with the poor, always remain devoted to the public welfare, never be satisfied with merely printing news; always be drastically independent; never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty.

JOSEPH PULITZER

April 26, 1907.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

The name and address of the author must accompany every contribution, but on request will not be published. Letters not exceeding 200 words will receive preference.

Sewer Taxes in St. Louis.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

KNOWING the principle on which your paper was founded, I look upon it as a court of last resort; so I have taken the liberty to solicit your interest in the following matter:

Has St. Louis a sewer condition similar to that of New York, which smells to heaven? The owner of a lot 39 by 125 feet in the southwestern part of the city received, last February, a bill for \$30.67, which was promptly paid. In July another bill was received which was again paid before penalties could be added. On Dec. 12, comes another bill for \$42.92, which with the other two makes a total of \$121.40, or more than 10 per cent of the value of the lot for street and sidewalks are not yet made.

When the writer went to the head of the Sewer Department to learn if this was the final bill and at what rate the charges were made, the sewer head brought out a blank bill and said to the seeker for information, "You should have received a bill like this." When told that the bills received from the bank where bills had to be paid were different, he said, "You should have received such a bill." He then produced a book and turned to the page on which was a plot of the lot. When he was asked at what rate the sewer charge was made, he said, "Are you mad?" The reply was, "Yes." Then he said, "Ah—I can't talk to you." And that is the extent of information received there.

The price is exorbitant and there is no knowing how many bills are coming to taxpayers. Is this not a matter that bears investigation for the public good? What recourse have we in the matter?

DAILY READER.

Chance to Play Santa.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

AMONG the children at the City Isolation Hospital, 3509 Arsenal street, are a dozen or so who have no families to provide them with a Merry Christmas. Side by side with them are the more fortunate whose parents doubtless will send in to them the usual season's cheer. The doctors and nurses, out of their own pockets, are providing a Christmas tree, candy, popcorn and some toys for each of the little patients, but a good fellow with no youngsters of his own, might derive a lot of satisfaction from a dollar or two invested in a happy holiday for those unfortunate.

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"What Kind of Mayor?"
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

YOUR editorial "What Kind of a Mayor?" is to the point and more than expresses the present needs of our city again to build it up to one of the foremost in the States.

The present and past political control of the city has demonstrated beyond a doubt that professional politicians are not the business men capable of putting forward the necessary exertion to accomplish this. Political control and party favors are only costs paid for the pockets of the taxpayers, with a lack of services to them for their money paid. A taxpayer now is used as a pawn or as a collateral, being only to produce the money for exorbitant salaries; but, should he demand the services for which his money was paid, he is laughed at with a remark—"We have no money to do that."

For the \$150 taxes I am paying annually, I have not had a penny's worth of service in the last five years, nor have any of my complaints been attended to or corrected.

O. C. M.

The Worst Offenders.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

OUR city fathers are to be congratulated for putting teeth in the smoke law, but I think they made a mistake when they exempted private homes.

Everyone knows that private residences are the worst offenders. What caused our "black Christmas" last year? There were no factories in operation that day.

There are scores of one-family residences in my neighborhood that belch forth volumes of smoke daily, as black and dense as any factory's. If flats and residences are to be exempt, then we may as well not have any smoke law.

A NORTH ST. LOUIS TAXPAYER.

For a Brookings Statue.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

THE suggestion that the proposed traffic circle at Washington University and Lindell boulevard, which has been approved by the City Planning Commission, be named the Robert S. Brookings Circle is most commendatory.

But why not show Mr. Brookings (while he is still with us) how much we appreciate his many benefactions to St. Louis by erecting a statue in honor of Mr. Brookings in the center of the circle. In front of the University would be a most appropriate place for it.

The expense of same to be borne by popular subscriptions of \$1 to any amount the donor wished to give in order to make it a truly public movement.

I for one would consider it a privilege and honor to contribute to a fund for that purpose.

C. LOUIS DIESTERWEG.

GOVERNMENT BY PROPAGANDA.

The report in yesterday's Sunday Post-Dispatch of the organization, scope, purposes and methods of the Industrial Conservation Board was an amazing revelation of a proposed propaganda extending all over the United States against government activity in business.

There is a general sentiment against government interference in private business. But one does not have to go far into the plans of the promoter, W. J. Sylvester, to discover that the chief purpose of the board is to "educate" the people to oppose government interference with public utilities and government ownership and operation of water power resources and hydro-electric plants. On a broader scale this organization takes up the work of the publicity agents of the Power Trust, with the same purposes in view.

There is no sound objection to propaganda on any scale for the advocacy of any governmental policy, or forming public opinion on any policy, so long as the work is open and above board and there is no resort to coercive methods.

As Jefferson said, error is not to be feared so long as truth is free to combat it. If the professors and teachers of schools and colleges and the lecturers who are to be engaged in this work are known to be the paid agents of the Industrial Conservation Board, and if the newspapers are free to accept or reject propaganda of the board, and to comment on it as the judgment and conscience of the newspaper editors may direct, there is no danger in the propaganda to the public.

Unfortunately, there was a suggestion of coercive methods. When Mr. Sylvester was asked how he proposed to convert newspapers that might be unwilling to print his propaganda, he said he was not ready to divulge his plans. But one of his assistants remarked significantly: "I might just call your attention to the fact that nearly all the big advertisers in the country will be behind us. That might have some effect."

We are not ready to believe that all the big advertisers in the country would be willing to join in a plan to coerce by threatening with loss and possible ruin newspapers who are not willing to support their particular economic and political policy. What would be the popular reaction to a scheme of that kind?

The huge propaganda plan, however, has not yet been perfected. It is still largely in the mind of the promoters. It will be interesting to watch its development—how far the backers of it, in their half-revealed purposes and methods, will carry it. It will bear watching.

A STARVING CHINESE PROVINCE.

Kansu, the extreme northwestern province of China, is suffering from the results of war and drought. The population of 10,000,000, cut off from the modern world by lack of means of transport, depends almost solely for sustenance upon agriculture. It is said that in two-thirds of the province little more than enough grain has been reaped this year to sow the next crop. In addition, Chinese wars, calling men to the colors and imposing heavy taxes upon the people, have created a state of impoverishment and starvation.

W. W. Simpson, a missionary, is appealing for aid. He describes the drought in these words:

The terrible drought of this year, coming on top of all those other calamities, has produced a situation of indescribable horror. In dozens of districts there has not been enough rain to drip from the eaves for a year. Tons of seed simply rotted in the ground, while tons more germinated only to blister in the hot sun. As the soil baked in the sun, hope died in the hearts of the people and blank despair withered their faces. Now they listlessly face slow approaching death by cold and hunger, indifferent and dumb, for it is inevitable. Truly Kansu is doomed.

It is proposed that the Chinese Government, with the help of automobile and oil companies, undertake the creation of a relief expedition to Kansu, this expedition to be financed by charitable persons throughout the world. Funds may be sent to Associated Missions Treasurers, Box 251, Shanghai.

SOVIET RUSSIA'S EDUCATION.

In its current number the New Republic prints the sixth and final article of Prof. John Dewey on "Impressions of Soviet Russia." Those articles are, in our opinion, strikingly free from any taint of propaganda. It was as an educator curious to learn what Russia was doing in education that Prof. Dewey undertook his tour of observation. He has been profoundly moved by what he has seen and by what he believes may ultimately be accomplished. With the political and economic aspects of the Soviet experiment he has not been concerned for the reason, as he explains, he is neither a politician nor an economist. It goes without saying, of course, that he speaks with authority on education.

Before he went to Russia, as he explains, he "had the notion that socialistic communism was essentially a purely economic scheme." He accounts for this "by the almost exclusive attention paid by Socialists in western countries to economic questions and by the loudly self-proclaimed 'economic materialism' of Marxian Communists." He frankly confesses, therefore, that he was almost totally unprepared "for what I actually found; namely, that at least in the circles with which I came in contact (which, however, included some working men as well as educators) the development of 'cultivation' and realization of the possibility of everyone's sharing in it was the dominant note."

As to the outcome of the Soviet experiment Prof. Dewey, with his scholarly integrity, is chary of prophecy. "Any prediction about the Russian future," he says, "has to take into account the contradiction and conflict between rigid dogmas on the one side and an experimental spirit on the other. Which will win it is impossible to say." But he believes or hopes, "that the Russian people will, in the end, through a series of adaptations to actual conditions as they develop, build something new in the form of human association." He doubts that the result "will be communistic in the sense of the leaders of the Revolution; that it will be marked by a high degree of voluntary co-operation and by a high degree of social control of the accumulation and use of capital seems to be probable."

Prof. Dewey's articles are not, and do not purport to be, a survey of Soviet Russia. They deal solely with the educational experiment. As such they are enlightening. Could an "expert in government," as Mr. Hughes described Gov. Smith, make a similar study of present political Russia and an economist of like stature analyze the economic adventure, we should then have a fairly adequate presentation of this historic undertaking.

THE BOULDER DAM COMPROMISE.

After one of the longest and most picturesque battles in the history of Congress, the Boulder Dam compromise has been signed by the President and now awaits only the consent of the two states standing out of the agreement as to division of the water, or the assent of one of them after six months. Five states have already assented. They are California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Wyoming. The other two are Arizona and Utah.

The authorized cost is \$155,000,000, which it is expected that the dam will repay within 50 years. The Secretary of the Interior is vested with entire power to decide whether the dam shall be built and operated by the Government or by private capital, or the extent to which either its construction or operation shall be divided between them. The dam will be the biggest in the world. Following the recommendations of an engineering commission which surveyed the project after the thunderous debate last winter, it will likely be built at Black Canyon, which, in addition to being a suitable point in the great gorge of the Colorado River for such a gigantic wall, has in its favor a better accessibility for all the machinery of such a construction than the original Boulder Canyon, from which the project takes its name. It is 20 miles below Boulder Canyon.

The dam will be 550 feet high. It is estimated that the reservoir behind the dam, which will back the Colorado River up for almost 100 miles, will develop 1,000,000 horsepower of electrical energy. It will also irrigate much of the country about it, as well as to provide an all-American canal between the Colorado River and the Imperial Valley of California. The bill authorizes also construction of flood control works around the rim of this valley.

Unfortunately, the material promises of so great a boon to the Southwestern country have been in a way too much for the rivalries of the surrounding states. They all need water, and they all want to be the beneficiaries of a development which will give them electricity for a hundred uses. Happily, they all will be. The feeling between California and Arizona has been particularly spirited. There are no fiercer men in the United States Senate than Johnson of California and Ashurst of Arizona. Their combat over Boulder Dam has been Homeric. The country as a whole has been disposed to sympathize with Arizona. The Colorado is in a way her river, but California will nevertheless benefit chiefly from the dam. This is because of the topography of the country, which has a habit in that region of determining where not merely water, railroads and highways run, but actually where airplanes range the skies. Arizona has never contemplated tolerantly the spectacle of the Colorado River making the Imperial Valley of California bloom with water or Southern California grow with power that Arizona feels are potentially her own. Nevertheless, that is the inevitable outcome of the project. The Arizona Legislature urged Mr. Coolidge up to the last moment to veto the bill, but he did not.

The country will accept the agreement with relief. A battle that occupies the attention of Congress for so long is costly to other causes, some of which are quite as important. The country will also take pride in a public work so worthy of the nation. With the flood control project on the Lower Mississippi and the great dam in the Colorado to engage its constructive genius, the United States has no reason to envy either the people who built the great wall of China or the Pyramids of the Nile.

ANOTHER TASK FOR MR. EASTMAN.
George Eastman, the Kodak man, is in Washington, to urge adoption by Congress of the Porter resolution, providing for calendar simplification. It is one of Eastman's hobbies to divide the year into 12 months of 28 days each. The Porter resolution would empower the President to call an international conference with a view to putting the 12-month year in effect in 1933.

Upon concluding his labors in this behalf, will Mr. Eastman kindly bring the same energy and enthusiasm to bear on behalf of the metric system? We promise him an equal, if not greater chance of success than he has in calendar simplification, which is, perhaps, no success at all. At any rate, with his leisure, money and brains, he is the ideal man to tackle the job.

With these two reforms out of the way, Mr. Eastman might be retained permanently as the United States Official Suggester, a job which in his hands would have great possibilities.

RIGORS OF LATE SLEEPING.
How to keep knees and toasters warm while one lies abed until noon, these cold mornings, is a public problem that has engaged our attention for some time. There is no denying that the body suffers a severe chill when one arises to a sitting posture to take breakfast and that it can still be felt when Meadows gives his gentle tug at the pink coverlet and announces that the tub is ready.

Has a woman's puzzle solver solved the problem, we ask, as we ponder the following: "Chilly mornings spent in bed will be more comfortable if one dons a bed jacket of pink crepe de chine, lined with allstons or flannel of the same shade and trimmed with lace." No, we conclude, with a witty bitter sigh, this suggestion is not for us. Couldn't something softer be substituted for crepe de chine?

Out of the 26,795,969 votes cast in the presidential election the Socialist candidate polled 267,535. That ought to be reassuring to the alarmists who see a Red peril around every corner, but it won't.

THE ARMS OF VENUS.
The Athens branch of the Association of Lily Gilders, or some similar body, is undertaking to drag the harbor of Milo in an attempt to find the arms of the statue of Venus which was turned up in the ruins of the city about a century ago. The insidious part about it is that the mouth wash advertisements say, is that if the arms are found, they will probably be traced to the studio of Alceo Dossena in Rome.

Dossena is the sculptor whose fake antique statuary was purchased as genuine by experts from the Metropolitan, Cleveland and Boston museums, who had taken the word of geologists that the "erosion" of the works was the result of natural processes operating over 24 centuries. Individual pieces of Dossena's art sold for as high as \$150,000.

And even if the arms that once graced the figure are found, they will probably find permanent residence in the home of a Bartlesville, Okla., oil operator, while the armless figure continues to puzzle visitors to the Louvre.



POST-DISPATCH CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

NOW FOR TINY TIM'S CHRISTMAS!

Dwight Whitney Morrow

The present cordiality between the United States and Mexico has been attributed by ex-President Calles to Morrow's ability, talent and sincerity; CROM terms him "an honest man"; hack driver thought he was President of Mexico.

From the Living Age.

ONE afternoon in the summer of 1880, several small boys were playing baseball in an empty lot in Huntington, W. Va. Someone made a home run, knocking the ball over a fence surrounding the premises of a longshoreman's office, noted for the violence of his prejudices against small boys, their noise and diversions. It was the boys' last ball. It had followed others in its flight over the same fence. And they had no money to buy more. They held a council and chose one of themselves, one Morrow, as ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary with the particular mission of getting back as many of the lost balls as he could. It was a ticklish job, for the old woman in the case had a fearsome reputation. But in a few minutes young Morrow returned with all the lost balls and a big red apple—a gift from the awe-inspiring female. Another version of the story substitutes for the apple a handful of cookies, but the significance is the same.

Possibly President Coolidge had heard this story of Dwight Whitney Morrow's early life before he sent him as Ambassador to Mexico. More probably the President based his selection on personal acquaintance with the man, his classmate at Amherst College and his frequent adviser in many matters both before and after Morrow had become associated with J. P. Morgan and Coolidge had become President of the United States. At any rate, the President perceived the dubious situation toward which the United States' diplomatic policy in Mexico was tending; and October, 1927, saw the appointment of Mr. Morrow to be Ambassador to Mexico.

At that time there was extreme tension between the two countries—greater than was generally known. Frequent charges of bolshevism south of the Rio Grande were heard in Washington. The Mexican Government had enacted what American oil investors and land owners in Mexico considered confiscatory laws. Certain organizations and groups in this country were doing their best to demonstrate that ex-President Calles was a monarch to the rights of citizens of the United States resident in Mexico or with interests there. The idea of armed intervention was gathering strength. Moreover, Mexico's anti-American feeling had reached a height rarely known before.

Within five months of his reception by ex-President Calles, Ambassador Morrow had done much to straighten out the so-called "oil tangle" to the satisfaction of American interests, and had increased good will toward the United States on the part of the Mexican people. Soon after Mr. Morrow's arrival in Mexico City, ex-President Calles said: "Relations between the United States and Mexico are daily becoming more fraternal. This new era is largely due to the ability, talent and sincerity of Ambassador Morrow." Calles was no vain worshiper of polite and complimentary phrases.

Another example of the respect in which all classes of Mexican society hold the United States Ambassador was given when the "C. R. O. M." Mexico's all-powerful and somewhat socialist labor organization, held a parade. One of the banners they carried bore the simple legend, "Morrow is an honest man."

The Ambassador's methods are not commonplace. Deciding that something akin to propagandizing in the United States was desirable, he fixed on a happy procedure. That quaint and amusing philosopher, Will Rogers, was invited to Mexico. Many friendly reports were sent back and published in American newspapers. After Rogers came Lindbergh with his "good will" trip from Washington to Mexico City. Americans were enlightened and entertained; Mexicans were even more pleased. Morrow's unique methods were justified by results. Since the assassination of President-elect Obregon, Mexico has passed through some tragic and perplexing hours, but the sureness of Mr. Morrow's diplomatic touch has never faltered. There is every reason to suppose that his official and personal relations with President Gil will be as cordial as with ex-President Calles.

Physically, Ambassador Morrow is slight, even underdressed; but his keen face reveals earnestness, intellect and force. His dress is unadorned, his trousers not always stiffly creased. It has been suggested that he might pay more attention to the small details of haberdashery; but his mind is upon more important things than the color of cravats or the cut of coats. Mentally he towers, morally he is a mountain of strength.

Educated for the bar, Mr. Morrow was for years a successful practitioner in New York. Though he is a lover of letters and an essayist of distinction upon historical and political topics, he shares the very common fondness for detective stories as a means of mental relaxation. Recently confined to his bed by a trifling indisposition, he is said to have devoured this sort of literature almost by the ton, a report which is worth recording if only one-half of one per cent true.

And now it seems that Ambassador Morrow has already reached an eminence which no United States Ambassador in Mexico has hitherto been able to attain. A traveler returning from Mexico City reports that, uncertain of the correct pronunciation of the name, he asked a hack driver who the Mexican President was. The cabby replied, in all gravity, "Senor Morrow."

AN OLD MYTH DIES.
From the Baltimore Sun.
CHILDHOOD'S beliefs die hard, and yet the story of that brave little Hollander who held his fist overnight in a crack in the dyke and saved his village seems to call for sympathetic interest.

For the recent inundations of the Low Countries, as first one storm and then another assaulted the modern dykes, are on such a vast scale that the idea of using any childish fist as a flood-preventive measure simply cannot be entertained.

But it may be that it worked once. In that case, however, it follows that they didn't have such terrific storms in the old days as now occur, and any old-timer will testify that this is impossible.

CONVALESCENT WALL STREET.
From the Dallas Morning News.

Wall street is recovering from Hoover prosperity as well as could be expected.



WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.

NEVER did an international conference so called to promote the general world aspiration for permanent peace get going with war clouds hovering more imminently about it than did the Pan-American consultation and arbitration gathering in Washington.

At the very outset the general conference had to convert itself into a committee procedure into a special tribunal to seek a settlement of the Bolivian-Paraguayan frontier clash. Instead of dealing straight off with broad questions of future policy for the Americas to foster amicable settlement of disputes, the conference was plunged at once into details of a specific case of border conflict.

FROM one point of view, the intrusion of the row between Bolivia and Paraguay into the conference agenda might be regarded as an unhappy augury for its broader purposes.

From another, however—and that seems to be the way Secretary Kellogg and former Secretary Hughes looked at it—the fracas between armed forces of the two countries in a remote wilderness outpost might prove a heaven-sent opportunity to give the Washington conference a meaning and significance it otherwise would have lacked.

The point is that the row came just when Pan-American opinion had been mobilized for a related but different purpose. That opinion promptly was focused on averting a war which conceivably could spread to involve a group of the largest countries in Latin-America.

Assume that the peace efforts of the conference in the specific case prove successful and immediately an impressive demonstration not only of the need, but of the effectiveness of established peace machinery has been given. That is precisely the objective of the Washington conference, to create through a multilateral treaty of conciliation and arbitration a special mutually binding peace covenant between all the nations of the Americas as a supplement to the existing bilateral undertakings of the same nature.

THE difference between the bilateral and multilateral treaties is the same in this case as between the Kellogg and Briand anti-war pact proposals. The multilateral scope makes every outbreak of hostilities between two signatories definitely the business of every other signatory. In other words, such a pact sets up permanently machinery to bring immediately to bear the same weight of Pan-American public opinion against warfare as it was possible to employ in the Bolivian-Paraguayan case through the happy accident that the Washington conference was in session.

Without doubt and regardless of the ultimate results, the mere fact that the conference was in session served to hold back at least warlike moves by Bolivia and Paraguay. To that extent the conference had justified itself fully even before the conference was well settled in its seats.

Of Making Selection

JOHN G.

Representative

JOHNNY APFLESEED, By Va.

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ing the expression of an author's joy in the wonder and beauty of the world. Unique is not too strong a word, for at his representative Lindsay is truly unlike other poet. Decidedly something new came into poetry when Gen. Boott's poem appeared. The poem is a masterpiece of the differences of opinion as to the value of that something at least it was delightful and truly different.

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Reminiscences of pioneer always make an especial appeal to the people of Gumbo, and most of us because of the peculiar situations which there exist as a cause for the fascination which is inherent in watching the best and growth of things. Hill Country is superficially interesting these reasons. The reader that the author is acquainted with the persons and facts with which he deals. Nevertheless, aside this merit, the book possesses great worth. The style of it is not especially vivid or picturesque, qualities which have transformed the slight into a creation of value. Also.

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Washington and Hollywood a good story of life on, under around the Pacific. The picture brings back Jack Holt to the St. Louis has not seen this popular star for some time, always an excellent actor, a fine portrayal of a deep sea diver who saves a lot of men who cooped up in a submarine 25 below the surface. How these men lived and faced death.

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Of Making Many Books

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The Week's New Films

By NIE

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"GOOD NEWS" IS REAL FRONT PAGE STUFF

Snappy Musical Comedy Bubbles Over With Youth and Gayety.

MARY S. McDERMOTT.

THE MAN FROM THE RIVER. By G. D. H. and Margaret Cole. (The Macmillan Company.)

The man from the river was a dead man. The fact that he was dead raised the question of how he came to be that way. He might have killed himself or he might have been killed. And if he was killed, who killed him? And what was the motive? These questions might never have been answered if it had not been that a Scotland Yard man had that very day come to St. Louis, where the body was found, to spend a care-free vacation. Confronted by a first-class mystery the Scotland Yard man spent his vacation unraveling it. The solution was not at all what might have been expected, and comes as a surprise, which is just as it should be in a properly-written mystery story.

F. A. B.

THE ROAD TO CATHAY. By Merriam Sherwood and Elmer Mantz. (The Macmillan Company.)

In days long gone there were men who traveled to far lands and saw strange sights and survived great adventures and came back and told all that they had seen and experienced. Marco Polo, John of Plano, Carpi, William of Rubruish, to name only a few of them. Their travel tales are finely told and worthy to be read by many, but not many have read them. Not at all rare, as many as should.

These authors, having read tales, felt sorry for all who had not, and to make the reading easier they set themselves the task of bringing the several writings together into one, making it over to better suit the modern liking. To make it more real, decorations and maps were prepared. Completed, they called it "The Road to Cathay." It is a pleasant read.

F. A. B.

THE GLORY THAT WAS GRUB STREET. By John A. J. and E. O. Hoppe. (Stokes.)

The works and lives of 22 contemporary authors of Great Britain and America are set forth in an interesting fashion in this volume. Among the most interesting chapters are those on George Bernard Shaw, Theodore Dreiser, Albus Huxley and Christopher Morley. "No greatly gifted novelist of our time," writes the author, "has been more stupidly misjudged than Theodore Dreiser. When, in 1925, his latest and most masterly story, 'The American Tragedy,' appeared . . . I suppose it became apparent to most people that he is about the greatest thing in modern American fiction."

And of Morley: "With 'Where the Blue Begins,' Morley seemed, at one stroke, to pass his Rubicon and stand among authors who are to be taken seriously." The book contains 22 chapters, studies by E. O. Hoppe—T. W. Parry Jr.

Whoopee in New York.

COLLEEN MOORE goes in for something different—for her— "Synthetic Sin" down at the Ambassador this week. She plays a sweet little girl who wants to go on the stage and who, to New York to look for first hand experience to fit her for worldly parts. She finds them in a gangster's hotel and when the shooting is all over she decides that what she is better suited for is the role of the wife of Antonio Moreno, who has tried to convince her of that fact in the first reel. "Synthetic Sin" is mild fun at best but will please the youngsters out of school for the holidays.

Descendant of Nathan Hale Dies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William Hays Hale, a descendant of the patriot who died suddenly of heart disease Saturday at his Upper West Side home. He was 67 years old. Hale was born in New Orleans, La., the son of William George Hale, lawyer and judge, and was a graduate of the University of Texas. During recent years he had been an official interpreter at Ellis Island.

Belleville Church Dedicated.

The new \$100,000 St. Luke's Catholic church of Belleville was dedicated yesterday morning by Bishop Althoff of St. Louis. The church, which is the largest in the diocese, was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. H. Schlarman and other clergymen. Bishop Althoff gave a pontifical high mass. The Rev. F. A. Kaiser is the pastor.

New York Day by Day

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

DIARY of a modern Pepsy: Lay until the clock struck 11 and up with much grooming, resolving never again to partake of raw hamburger and chopped onions after midnight. So puttered about with the mail and pleased with a note from Elsie Janis in England. With my wife to lunch and saw among others Will Hays, Charles Dana Gibson, Bernard Gimble and Peggy Hoyt and then to window shop until time to meet my mother-in-law returning from the Middle West. And at the station saw two sorry youths chained to detectives on their way "up the river."

In the evening to see Alexander Moissi in Tolstoy's "Redemption," and no actor ever stirred me more albeit he spoke in German, which I do not understand. So talked awhile to Edgar Selwyn and Robert H. Davis, and then to my lodgings.

THE "Somerset Maugham canapes"—there's a career, naming canapes—has become one of the most delectable cocktail tid bits of the town. They were originated by a Far East servant at Maugham's villa on the Riviera and consist of a green olive stuffed with nuts, dipped in a fiery relish and wrapped in piping hot bacon.

LADIES who devote the major part of their time in trying to achieve the thinness of a whip may be interested in a cafe on open shortly with a staff dietician. He will plan meals without charge that will not "put on the lard."

AND what with America becoming "liver conscious" all of a sudden, liver is now listed on some menus at \$1.35 a portion. It is the same portion the butcher used to chuck in free for the cat. Doctors who prescribe it for blood making virtues say it has no value unless served almost raw.

"PORGY" A TRIUMPH OF ARTISTIC DRAMA

Theater Guild's Production a Fine Play of Negro Life in the South.

By the Associated Press.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24.—The Chinese Government has signed a contract for the erection of a wireless station in Shanghai. Never has China been supplied with means for communicating with other nations on a scale commensurate with her international interests. Lack of communication with China has long been blamed by both China and the West as the reason for the misunderstandings which may have arisen between the East and the West. The flow of press messages between China and the United States and Europe has been hampered due to the limited telegraphic facilities and the heavy expense of using them.

In an effort to bring China closer to the other nations of the world the Government signed with an American firm a contract for the erection of the Shanghai station. The contract calls for two 20-kilowatt short-wave overseas transmitters and receiving apparatus sufficient to work three incoming channels simultaneously. The station is to be erected under supervision of American engineers and is expected to be in operation about Nov. 1, 1929.

Under the traffic agreement the Chinese station will work with the American Radio Corporation's station at San Francisco. In addition to the traffic arrangement covering the United States and other areas in the Western Hemisphere, the Chinese are to be connected with the Trans-Radio Corporation of Germany, a semiofficial agency which will handle European traffic from Shanghai on the same basis as the American company is doing for America.

Steamship Movements.

By the Associated Press. Arrived. New York, Dec. 23, American Bankers, from London. New York, Dec. 23, Carinthia, New York. New York, Dec. 23, Caronia, Southampton. Liverpool, Dec. 23, Regina, New York. San Domingo, Dec. 22, Reliance, New York. Alexandria, Dec. 23, Samaria, New York. Sailed. Cobb, Dec. 23, Baltic, for New York. Cobb, Dec. 23, Dresden, New York. Cobb, Dec. 23, Scythia, New York.

almost entirely of Negro artists. As hardly better than commonplaces, but the direction of the piece was such that it stood off well on its ensemble effects. And these, as I have already said, were contrived by a hand driven by an imagination that was in any field. This directing imagination resides, strangely enough, in an Armenian named Ruben Mamoulian. A stranger to the American scene, he nevertheless was instantly responsive to the poetic impulses in the ordinary lives of the American blacks. After reading the play he made a trip to Charleston and watched with his own eyes the goings-on in Catfish Row. The result was an embodiment in dramatic form of the true lyric cry. By all means see "Porgy."

HOME FROM COLLEGE



MISS MARGARET KATHRYN RAMSEY.

MISS RAMSEY, a student at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ramsey, 101 Arthur avenue, Webster Groves.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. A. Vesper of 6411 Ellenwood avenue, are offering their daughter, Miss Josephine Vesper, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ramsey, 101 Arthur avenue, Webster Groves.

Miss Mary Gertrude and Miss Charlotte Whalen who have been living in New York for the past two years will arrive in St. Louis today for an indefinite visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Whalen of 2914 Allen avenue.

William F. McNary Jr. has arrived from St. Viator College, Bourbonnais, Ill., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. McNary, 6108 McPherson avenue.

Peter Van Dresser, son of William Van Dresser, the portrait artist, and Mrs. Van Dresser, has arrived in St. Louis and will spend his vacation with his parents at the Coronado Hotel. He is a sophomore at Cornell University.

Round of Holiday Parties in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. A ROUND of holiday festivities which New York society in a whirl of activity this week.

The silver fête, which Mr. and Mrs. Frank Varco Storrs gave at the Ritz Carlton, was among the most largely attended of the events. Silver smaltz and tinsel, twinkled about the double staircase leading to the ballroom, gave a Christmas atmosphere. Bowers of silver smaltz covered the tables and silver plates, the tables and floor, while clusters of silver balloons floated from the chandeliers. Whirling discs in front of the spotlights, which played about the room, created the illusion of falling snow in an ice palace, where the guests were entertained at supper time by members of Broadway revues.

Social New York dressed as it wished it might be 20 years hence to attend the costume party which Ezra Winter gave in his studio on top of Grand Central Station last Saturday night. Costumes represented the guests' ideas of fashions for 1950 and ranged from a reversion to the gay '90's to the garb of the Orient. Elwyn Thane appeared in a frock of scarlet tulle ornamented with yards of creamy white lace, while William Beely wore a Cossack suit of purple velvet with a sash of crimson silk knotted about his waist. A brilliant mandarin robe was the choice of Sven von Hallburg.

Private skating parties are becoming the most fashionable diversion for the tea hour. Mrs. Finlay Westover, who is an enthusiastic skater, wears an ensemble consisting of a gray wool jumper and skirt, trimmed with gray shaved caracul, as her skating costume. For accessories she has chosen a gray felt hat, soft wool gloves to trim the lapel of her coat, gray wool mesh stockings and short blue wool half hose faced with gray Angora.

Festivities for visiting royalty again are occupying society's attention with the approach of the holidays. Many functions are being planned for the Grand Duchesse Marie Pavlovna, first cousin of the late Czar Nicholas II of Russia, who is making her first visit to the United States. Mrs. William Randolph Hearst's dinner in her honor, attended by about 100 guests, was among the most brilliant affairs of the week.

Despite the pressure of yuletide festivities, society found time to devote to charity entertainments, which will fill the Christmas baskets of New York's poor. The Holy Knickerbocker ball, sponsored by the society editor of a New York newspaper, in behalf of the Christmas and relief fund, was attended by 1000 guests. Banks of mistletoe, holly and amalia lined the walls, while dozens of Christmas trees, ablaze with vari-colored lights, were placed about the ballroom to represent a Christmas fairland in which the guests who came in aid of charity, danced. On a stage between two lighted trees sat from Broadway revues entertained the supper guests.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

IN marked contrast to the elaborate parties being given as a prelude to formal entertaining of Christmas week will be a calico party to be given tonight by Miss Anne West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen T. West, 48 Westmoreland place, and Miss Alita Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Davis, 12 Westmoreland place, at the Deer Creek Club on the Litzinger road.

The young women have been asked to wear rustic calico costumes and rompers and pinaforns will be the order of the evening, with the men in overalls, jumpers and straw hats. Miss West will wear blue rompers with a ruffled sunbonnet to match and Miss Davis will wear a calico frock.

In keeping with the theme of the party, the dinner tables will be covered in red oil cloth and will be laid with tin dishes and lighted by red candles in pewter holders. The charming informality of the club lends itself well to the holiday decorations of Christmas trees laden with tinsel. Fires in huge open fireplaces at either end of the room will cast a cozy glow over the party, and lights from the wrought iron chandeliers will shine through holly and mistletoe. Dancing will follow the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. West and their daughter will depart Jan. 15 for Colorado Springs, where they will take a house for the late season to be with their son, Allen T. West Jr., who is recuperating from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Shinkle, 35 Portland place, will entertain a group of their friends at an informal Christmas reception tomorrow morning at their home.

Miss Sally Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Leigh Green, 12 Kingsbury place, will depart tomorrow night for Omaha, Neb., to be the guest of Miss Marcelle Foida for a week. Upon her return Miss Green will prepare for a world cruise with Mrs. Thomas J. Drummond in January.

Miss Foida recently visited Miss Green and was here for the wedding of her sister, Miss Marian, and Walter Westerman Shipley.

Mrs. Herbert S. Hadley of 6210 Ellenwood avenue and her daughter, Miss Henrietta Hadley, will sail from New York on the Italian liner Roma, Feb. 2. They will land in Genoa and will spend the spring in Italy. Later they will travel through Europe, returning in several months.

Mrs. Walter S. Barrett of 5521 Pershing avenue will spend the winter in Florida and Southern California.

Two interesting events are scheduled for early January at the St. Louis Woman's Club. The first is "An Intimate Review of the New York Theater Guild and Four Eternity Plays," by Mrs. Samuel Scott, Jan. 2, at 2:15 p. m. The plays to be given are "John Ferguson" by St. John Ervine; "The Second Man" by S. N. Dehman;

"Ned McCobb's Daughter" by Sidney Howard, and "The Doctor's Dilemma," by George Bernard Shaw.

The second event is a lecture lesson on Contract Bridge by Mrs. Leila Chopin Hatterley of New York, formerly of St. Louis, to be given Jan. 7 at 2 p. m.

Sam Priest, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Priest of 5550 Barmore avenue, has returned from the oil fields of Arkansas to spend the holidays with the parents. Mrs. Priest's son, Donald Rogers, a student at St. Mary's College in Kansas, is home to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Staudinger of 3231 Carleton avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen Staudinger, and Robert C. Mare, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Mare, 4357 West Plen boulevard.

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FOR EXAMPLE YOU SAVE AS FOLLOWS ON LOANS PAYABLE IN 20 EQUAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS
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\$300 LOAN—YOU SAVE \$15.00
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\$600 LOAN—YOU SAVE \$30.00
\$700 LOAN—YOU SAVE \$35.00
\$800 LOAN—YOU SAVE \$40.00
\$900 LOAN—YOU SAVE \$45.00
\$1,000 LOAN—YOU SAVE \$50.00
The above figures are based on 2 1/2% per cent on unpaid principal balance to 2 1/2% per cent.
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\$100—\$200—\$300
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20 MONTHS TO PAY
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STOCKS MOSTLY HIGHER ON THE LOCAL MARKET

Wagner Electric Traded in on "When Issued" Basis at 39 and 40 — St. Louis Screw Up.

New York Stock Market
Review on Page One

The Associated Press review of the New York stock and financial markets will be found on Page 1 of the Main News Section.

ST. LOUIS STOCK EXCHANGE.
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Total sales amounted to 2946 shares, compared with 1888 shares Saturday. Bond sales were \$10,000, against \$7500 Saturday.

Following is a summary list of securities traded in, with the sales, high, low, close and net change:

SECURITY	SALES	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	NET
Am. Can. Co.	100	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2	1/4
Am. Oil & Gas	100	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2	1/4
Am. Sugar	100	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2	1/4
Am. Tobacco	100	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2	1/4
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FINANCIAL NOTES

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.
Not operating income of Reading Co. in November was \$1,000,000, compared with \$1,200,000 in the same month of 1928. The company reported a net loss of \$1,000,000 for the month, compared with a net profit of \$1,200,000 in 1928.

CLEARINGS, MONEY AND SILVER

The St. Louis Clearing House Association reported clearings for Dec. 24, 1929, of \$1,000,000, compared with \$1,200,000 in the same month of 1928. The association reported a net loss of \$1,000,000 for the month, compared with a net profit of \$1,200,000 in 1928.

LEAD, ZINC AND COPPER

Lead was quoted in St. Louis today at \$0.25 per lb. Zinc was quoted at \$0.35 per lb. Copper was quoted at \$0.45 per lb.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 24.—Sterling was quoted at \$4.85 per £1. Paris was quoted at \$16.50 per 100 francs. Berlin was quoted at \$10.50 per 100 marks.

SHARES SOLD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Total sales \$1,000,000, compared with \$1,200,000 Saturday. Total sales for the week were \$1,000,000, compared with \$1,200,000 for the week ending Dec. 14.

The report of sales of individual stocks in this table today is complete for the entire two-hour session.

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BY SPECIAL ASSOCIATED PRESS WIRE

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COTTON CLOSING HIGHER ON NEW YORK MARKET

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The final settlement of cotton futures was made today on the New York market. The cotton futures were closed at a higher level than they were opened at.

JOPLIN ORE MARKET PRICES UNCHANGED

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 24.—A preliminary report of the Joplin ore market today showed that prices were unchanged from the previous day.

ST. LOUIS SPOT COTTON.

St. Louis spot cotton was unchanged today. The market was quiet and there was no significant change in prices.

CHICAGO COTTON MARKET.

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Butter, Eggs and Poultry

ST. LOUIS BUTTER, EGG AND POULTRY EXCHANGE. Dec. 24.—Missouri standard eggs 1c lower at 37c.
Following quotations are for round lots in first grade:
No. 1—Missouri No. 1 good cases, 51c; Missouri standard, new case, 37c; unclassified, 30-933c; pullet eggs, 28c.
BUTTER—Creamery extras, 51c; standard, 49c; first, 46c; factory, 44c; factory roll, 32c; No. 1 packing stocks, 40c; No. 2 packing stock, 28c.
FOWL—**CULTIVY**—Fowls heavy race, 16c; light race, 14c; 16c; No. 2 chickens, 12c to 15c; broilers, 20c; spring chickens, 26c; leghorn sprang,

potatoes and corn 24c; young ducks, 15c; small and dark, 21c; turkeys, young hens, 10 lbs. and over, 32c; turkeys, young, 12 lbs. and over, 33c; small turkeys, 16 lbs. and over, 34c; turkeys, 16 lbs. and over, 35c; swan geese, 12c; young guinea, 2 lbs. and over, \$9.50; young guinea, 1 1/4 lbs. and over, 8c; capons, 8 lbs. and over, 34c; capons, 8 lbs. and over, 35c; capons, 6 lbs. and over, 36c; No. 2 capons, 6 lbs. and over, 37c; No. 3 capons, 6 lbs. and over, 38c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, choice, dry-packed, 34c; turkeys, scaled, 33c; corn, 20c; No. 2 turkeys, 20c; ducks, 24c; No. 2 turkeys, 20c; ducks, 24c.

tows, small, 20c; spring chickens, 28c;
 broilers, 33c; roasters, 38c; capons, 31c
 to 34c; slips, 25c.
 CHICKENS—Northern twins, 24½c per lb.
 3½c; 3c; song horns, 25c; dairs, 23c;
 prints, 25c; bricks, 24c.
 BARNITS—Fresh receipts in good condi-
 tion, 8c; small, 7c.
 FROGS—Jumbo, \$3.50 per dozen; me-
 dium, \$3; small, \$1.75.
 PIGEONS AND SQUABS—Live pigeons,
 \$1.75 per dozen; dressed squabs, 65c per
 lb.; small, 50c.
 ROASTING PIGS—40 to 60 pound
 weights, 8c per pound.

80-200 pounds 10¢ to 13¢; 200 and up 11¢ to 12½¢; rough, shorn, unclean, underweight, etc., not wanted; spring lambs 50 to 70 lbs., 11¢ to 13¢ per lb.; poor spring lambs, 7¢ to 10¢; fall lambs, 9¢ to 12¢; poor lambs, 6¢ to 8¢; sheep, 3½¢ to 5¢; bucks, 2½¢ to 3¢; thin sheep, 1¢ per pound.

MILK—Delivered in St. Louis, \$2.95 per 100 lbs. Country stations, \$2.45 per 100 lbs. Above quotations are for tuberculin-tested milk.

VEGETABLE MARKET

ST. LOUIS PRODUCE ROW, Dec. 24.—
Following are today's vegetable prices:
Potato price range: Minnesota Red River
90c. to \$1.15; Idaho russets, \$1.15 to \$1.25;
Ohio, \$1.10 to \$1.25; Michigan, \$1.15 to \$1.25;
Wisconsin, \$1.25 to \$1.35; Wisconsin russets,
\$1.25 to \$1.35; Idaho russets, \$1.25 to \$1.35.
100 lbs.
Sweet potatoes — Home-grown nancy
bbl., 75c. to \$1.25 per bu. box; Berniga,
75c. red hamsmond, 90c. to \$1; Tennessee
red hamsmond, \$1.15 per bu. hamper. Ark.

ALIGATOR PEARS—Florida crates.
 \$7: California, \$3 to \$4.50.
 ONE PLANT—Louisiana, bbls., \$3.
 and crates.
 ASPARAGUS—California fancy, \$10.
 extra choice, \$7; and choice, \$3 per case.
 California choice, \$2 per 18-lb. basket.
 BROCCOLI—California, \$1 per 1/2-crate.
 Texas bu basket \$2.50
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS—California, \$7.
 BEETS—Home-grown, 40c to 50c per
 dozen bunches; new Texas, \$3.25 per
 crate.
 BUTTER BEANS—Texas in pods, \$4
 per bu. hamper.
 CABBAGE—California, \$3.50 per

CABBAGE—Old Northern, \$40 to \$45 per cwt.; red cabbage, 2c per pound.
CABBAGE—Home-grown, 50c to 75 per cwt. for bulk; California, \$2 to \$3 per crate; Texas crates, \$2.85 to \$3.
CABBAGE SPROUTS—Texas per baskets, \$1.
CELERY—California crates, large unwashed \$3 to \$6, and unwashed, \$6 to \$6.50; bunched, washed, 50c; small, 60c; jumbo, 60c; large special, \$1.10.
CUCUMBERS—Florida 3/4 hanpers, 36-40; California 2 dozen box fancy, \$6.25, and extra fancy, \$7.

COLLARD GREENS—Louisiana, \$4 per barrel.
ENDIVE—Louisiana endive and escarol, \$4 per bbl.; California endive \$3 to \$3.25.
EGGPLANT—Florida, 1 1/2 bu. crates, \$6 to \$8, and small, \$5.
GARLIC—California, 13c per lb.
GREEN PEPPERS—Florida, 1 1/2 bushel crates, choice \$5; fancy \$11 to \$12.
TEXAS HAMPEES—\$4.25.
HORSE RADISH—Home-grown, No. 1, \$1 to \$1.1, and No. 2, \$5 per 100 lbs.
GREEN BEANS—California telephone 40
 crates \$8.
CORN—Texas

LETTUCE—California. \$3 to \$3.75.
 Arizona. \$3.25 to \$3.75 per crate.
 MUSTARD GREENS—Texas bu baskets,
 6c to \$1.
 MUSHROOMS—Missouri, Ohio and Ken-
 tucky 1-pound cartons 25c to 40c. Ohio,
 Ind. bu baskets to \$1.
 ONIONS—Minnesota. \$4 to \$4.50.
 Indiana red. \$3; California white. \$4.60;
 eastern yellow \$4.25 to \$4.50 and white,
 for 100 lb.
 PARSNIPS—Home-grown, 75c to \$1.25
 per bu. box.
 PARSLEY — Louisiana curls \$6 to

75¢ per barrel; Texas bud baskets curly
\$2.50 per bushel.
RADISHES—Texas tips \$2.50 per bu-
shel; Alabama tips 20¢ to 25¢ per
bunches.
RUTABAGAS—
r 100 pounds—Canadian sacked, \$1.25
SHALLOTS—Louisiana \$5.50 to \$5.75
r barrel; small bunches 10¢ to 20¢ per
bunch.
SALSIFY—Home-grown, 50¢ per dozen
bunches.
SAUERKRAUT—City make, keeps \$1.50;
barrels, \$1.50; barrels, 50¢; casks \$12.
SPINACH—Home-grown, 25¢ to 1¢ and
50¢ to \$5.00; Texas bud baskets curly

TOMATOES—Repacked three-pan crates, choice \$1.25 to \$1.50, and fancy, 10 to \$2.50.
TURNIPS—Home-grown, 50c to 60c; purple tops \$1; Texas crabs \$1.50; Alabama & Gammas 90c.
TURNIP—Texas—Home-baskets \$1. box; Florida oranges, \$2.75 to \$1.00.

FRUIT MARKET

ST. LOUIS PRODUCE ROW, Dec. 24—

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RAPEFRUIT—Florida, \$5 to \$4 per
cane.
GRAPES—California, juvs malaga, 75c
55c.
COCONUTS—\$3.75 to \$6 per 100.
LEMONS—California, \$5 to \$6.60 per
100.
PEACHES—\$1.75 to \$2 per 100.
ORANGES—California, navels, fancy,
\$0 to \$5.50, and choice \$3.50 to \$4.75

PRODUCE ELSEWHERE

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EW YORK, Dec. 24.—Poultry. Dressed
Chickens, fresh 28 1/2 to 29; frozen
45; fowls, fresh 21 to 24; frozen 21 to
old moults 16 to 25; turkeys, fresh
40; frozen 24 to 25.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Poultry. Live
chickens, by freight, 28 to 30; by
rail, 25 to 26; broilers, freight 30; ca-
lifornia fowls, freight 25 to 26; tur-
keys, 23 to 30; moults, freight 25 to 26; ca-
lifornia, freight 30 to 35; capons 25 to 26; 25;
fresh 30.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Eggs. Irregular.
White 28; brown 27; fancy 29 to 30.

extra first 595440; first 25 595450
extra 27 595450; nearby Hemmery White
very selected extra 595460; nearby
very white pullets 595470; nearby
very brown extra 595480; nearby
white, extra 595490; do first to
first, 325490

W 3008, Dec 24.—Butter unaffixed;
extra 4070; creamery higher than ex-
tra 4940; extra 4940; do first 4940;
first 588 to 91 extra 4544940;
the streak, current make, No. 1, 3744;
No. 38 3844;
No. 50, State whole milk receipts,
to fancy specials 25449470; first

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Butter, futures—
December, 41c; storage,
January, 42½c. Eggs, futures—
gathered firsts, February, 37½c;
cracked standard, December, 35½c;
cracked firsts, January, 36½c.
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Poultry, re-
ceived 10,870 turkeys; creamery extras 48c;
birds, 44c; extra firsts 47¢ to 47½c;
45¢ to 46¢; seconds 43¢ to 44¢. Eggs
received 640 cases; extra firsts
38c; firsts 37¢ to 38c; ordinary firsts
36c.
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Poultry, alive.

	High	Low	Close
Butter	\$11.67	\$11.65	\$11.65
Eggs	75	75	75
Flour	92	91	91
Wheat	92	91	91

	10.20	10.15	10.17
DET	10.75	10.75	10.75
F	11.00	11.00	11.00
TPA	11.00	11.00	11.00
DET	11.75	11.75	11.75
F	12.00	12.00	12.00
TPA	12.00	12.00	12.00
DET	12.75	12.75	12.75
F	13.00	13.00	13.00
TPA	13.00	13.00	13.00

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ARBITRATION GROUP WAITS ON BOLIVIA

Pan-American Committee Has
Paraguay's Reply to
Questionnaire.

By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Only the reply of Bolivia is needed to set the committee named to help adjust the Bolivian-Paraguayan quarrel to work. Paraguay's reply to a questionnaire from the committee was received last night. The committee, named by the

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Pan-American Conference on Conciliation and Arbitration, felt that the questionnaire was comparatively easy to answer and some uneasiness was expressed when the two countries were seemingly slow in answering. Paraguay's message allayed some of this concern and Diaz De Medina, Bolivian Minister, has said he expects to hear from his Government soon. The Paraguayan note was not made public but thelegation here said its terms were favorable to conciliation and peace. The questionnaire had asked both Governments to define the controversy and to state their preferences as to the constitution of a conciliation tribunal.

The Bolivian-Paraguayan controversy has claimed much of the attention of the conference which met to discuss framing a new arbitration treaty. Some progress has been made toward drawing up a treaty but differences have arisen over its provisions. Eighteen of the 29 Republics represented are said to favor inclusion in the proposed treaty of a clause that would exempt from compulsory arbitration international disputes arising from questions "which in conformity with the legislation of each contracting

party belong to the internal jurisdiction of the State." The spokesman for these delegations is Enrique Olaya of Colombia. The other delegations, among which is understood to be that of the United States, want this clause to contain the further provision that such differences be excepted from compulsory arbitration provided that such legislation does not violate the principles of international law.

WORLD LEAGUE

PROPOSED IN 1915
TO U. S. BY BRITAIN
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the sentence and with this continuation set off in quotation marks. I read:

"Expressed his deep regret that the events of the war had led to the loss of so many American lives."

Written by Ambassador. Below is Bryan's handwriting in this notation: "Words in quotation marks is Ambassador's writing." This document is a part of the Lusitania correspondence. In the same group and on the day of the Ambassador's call on Bryan, May 10, there was transmitted by United States Ambassador Gerard in Berlin a copy of a message from the German Foreign Office addressed to Bismarck and expressing the Berlin Government's sympathy at the loss of American lives, but holding British food blockade measures responsible for the Lusitania sinking.

On May 17 Gerard cabled his impression "amounting almost to a certainty" that Germany would

refuse to abandon submarine methods, although in polite terms. He asked for instructions covering all contingencies. On May 19 a message from Col. House in London, headed "Rush for the President," asked Gerard, through a copy transmitted to Berlin to delay the German answer to the American Lusitania note until a messenger reached him with a letter, but on the same day House expedited that letter to Washington and Berlin by cable. It suggested that Germany be induced to propose in its answer discontinuance of submarine warfare on merchant vessels and use of poison gas "if England will permit foodstuffs in the near future to go to neutral ports without question."

Advantage for Germany. "Such a proposal from Germany at this time will give her great advantage, and in my opinion she will make a grave mistake if she does not seize it," Col. House added.

Gerard reiterated the same day to Washington his belief that Germany would not abandon its submarine warfare methods, but that the prospect of war with America is contemplated with equanimity," he said.

Secretary Bryan, on May 23, informed Gerard that the House messages gave "reason to hope for a compromise between Germany and Great Britain." He instructed the Ambassador to renew previous American identical proposals to the two governments, enlarged to include an abandonment of poison gas (the same time to make it clear that "no matter what England does to Germany or Germany to England, our rights are unaltered and we cannot abate them in the least."

On the preceding day Gerard cabled Bryan that "Zimmerman told me yesterday" that Dr. Dumba had cabled "that you (Bryan) had told him Lusitania note was not meant in earnest and was only sent as sop to public opinion."

Bryan's Reply. Bryan replied, May 24, that there was "no justification for such a statement and that a denial would be obtained from Dumba and cabled. He directed Gerard to inform the German Government that it must not, for a moment misrepresent the position of the United States. He also informed President Wilson by memorandum of this incident and later in the day transmitted to Dumba his denial which concluded with the statement to the German Government that it would be "a great mistake to minimize the earnestness of this protest (the American note)." Bryan also transmitted on that day the text of his memorandum of his original conversation with Dumba, verified by the latter, adding:

"My statement (in that conversation) that there is no desire for war in this country was brought out by his assurance that Germany did not desire war and was anxious to maintain diplomatic relations."

On May 25 Gerard informed Bryan that Gerard had received her demands to inclusion of cotton, copper, rubber and other raw materials not entering directly into manufacture of war munitions, as well as food in the projected relaxation of the British neutral port blockade.

Gerard's Reply. "This disposes of the proposition, if you mean that the British Government is willing to allow foodstuffs, but not raw materials to enter Germany in return for cessation of torpedoing of merchant ships without notice by submarines," Gerard said.

In a message to House in London May 21, Gerard said: "Germany in no need of food." It was on May 27 that Counselor Lansing informed the British Ambassador that any prospect of starving out Germany appeared impossible and asked why the British Government did not "relieve themselves of the odium of pursuing an inhuman policy by agreeing to allow food to go to the civil population."

Lansing told the Ambassador he was suggesting that course not on humanitarian grounds but as expedient and the Ambassador said he would forward it to London urging adoption, commenting that "you are entirely right." At Lansing's request the Ambassador agreed to keep him out of the matter saying:

"The suggestion will be my own and so will the arguments in its favor."

Message From Wilson. On the same day Bryan forwarded to Gerard a message from President Wilson directing him to point out to the German Foreign Office "kindly and unofficially, but very earnestly," that conditions in the marine war zone were becoming intolerable to the world, and add:

"This Government, while it has nothing to propose as between the belligerents, but will confine itself to the protection of its own clear rights, will act with pleasure in conveying any proposals that either the one Government or the other has to make for the correction of the present conditions fraught, as they are, with universal danger."

The following day, May 28, Gerard cabled that "the best naval sources" indicated there would be no change in German submarine methods "even if consequences involve war between Germany and the United States."

The next day he transmitted the text of the German reply to the Lusitania note, thus ending the American effort at that time to avert war by inducing a blockade agreement between Germany and Great Britain.

Fire Destroys Drug Store. Fire of undetermined origin destroyed J. Landis Esther's drug store, 2457 Morganford road, at 5:30 a. m. today. The stock was valued at \$5000, and the one-story brick building at \$1000.

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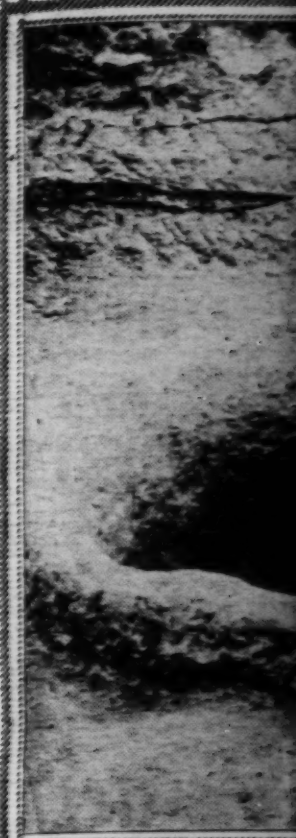
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The enormous tower under construction at

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Earl Rowland and Miss they appeared in the P Kansas City.

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A memorial to the Virgil fashion, which has been Germany.

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ANOTHER RELIC OF BIBLE DAYS



The enormous silo found in the courtyard of the Canaanite tower unearthed by the University of Pennsylvania's expedition at Beisan, Palestine. —P. & A. photo

LOOKS SIMPLE



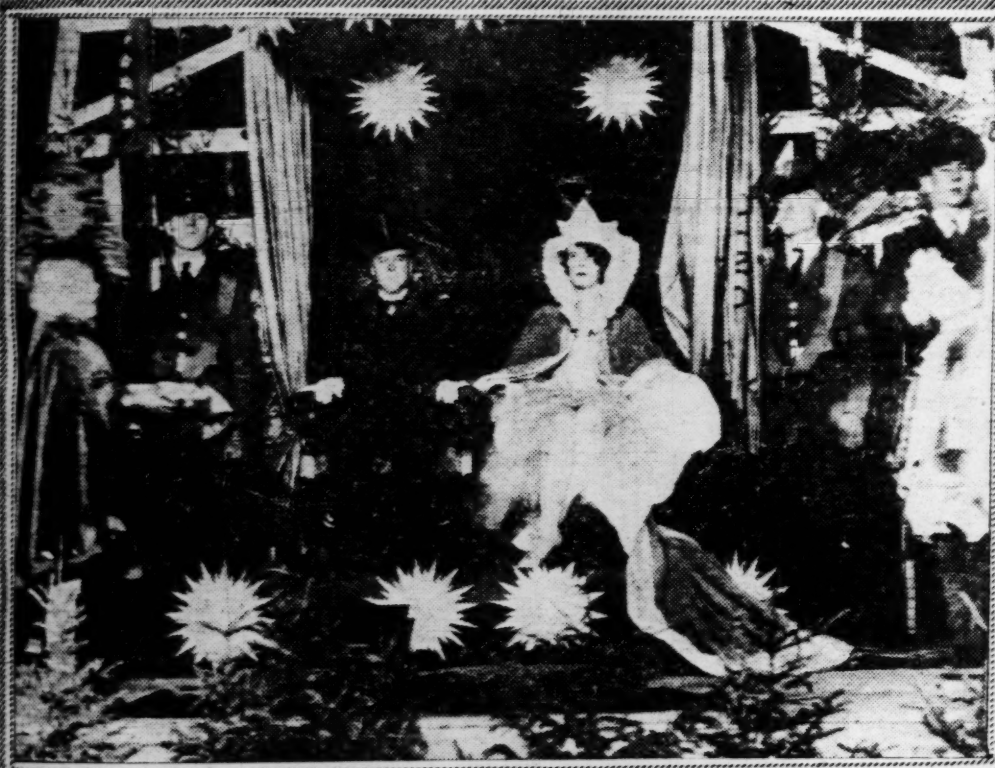
Santos-Dumont, in dark suit, strapping his latest flying invention on the back of the Mayor of Rio Janeiro, Brazil. The small contraption is expected to aid a man in flying like a bird—when the inventor completes it. —International photo

AMERICA'S FIRST ROCKET CAR



William White, James Donley and Lou Moore, the latter a well-known automobile racer, tuning up the machine which is driven by the exploding rockets seen between the rear wheels. It will be tested at Santa Monica, California. —Underwood & Underwood photo

THE KING AND QUEEN OF OIL



Earl Rowland and Miss Arlene Goodrich as they appeared in the Petroleum Pageant in Kansas City. —International photo



Princess Shigeko Teru-No-Miya, the only child of the Emperor and Empress of Japan, as she appeared at the recent wedding of her father's brother. —Wide World photo

NEW SIGNALING DEVICE



An electrical invention being tried out on the Government railroads of France, which sets a warning signal in front and in back of the train which passes over it. —International photo

A GERMAN MONUMENT



A memorial to the Virgin, made after the modernistic fashion, which has recently been erected at Kavelaer, Germany. —Underwood & Underwood photo

FOR LONG FLIGHTS



The great wing spread of an albatross recently caught in the South Pacific and presented to the Los Angeles Zoo. These birds are able to fly 400 miles a day. —Associated Press photo

THREE GERMAN QUEENS



In the center is Miss Rodziel of Berlin, chosen as the prettiest girl in all Germany, who will preside at the Berlin Winter Carnival. The second and third prize winners are standing with her. —Associated Press photo

FOR PALM BEACH



An attractive sport suit for southern wear shown in New York. —P. & A. photo

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WHO IS GUILTY?

Match Your Wits With the Author and See If You Can Unravel This Mystery—The Correct Solution Will be Printed in the Post-Dispatch Wednesday.

FINGER PRINTS CAN'T LIE.
By Evelyn Johnson and Gretta Palmer.

HERE is the outline of a baffling crime. The reader is invited to make his own solution of the mystery, and then compare it with the correct answer which will be published Wednesday. Another outline will be printed Thursday.

THE morning of the day we declared war on Germany, I was aroused at 1 o'clock by a phone call.

"This is Mrs. Booth," said a voice. "I've heard of you and you're badly needed. Will you come over?"

I went to the address she had given, and found a nice little semi-detached villa.

"Mrs. Booth," I asked.

"Yes," said the pleasant-faced middle-aged woman who answered the door. "But the trouble is next door. I was awakened by screams about half an hour ago and found the door closed but not locked. I went in and called the maid, Mary, and no one answered, although it was not her regular night out, and Mrs. Marcus was still in bed. I ran upstairs and found Mrs. Marcus writing on the bed in horrible agony. She was dead a minute after I got there, and never said a word. The maid came in as she died. I called Dr. Mills and he said it looked like strychnine poisoning, so I phoned you. He is over there now."

We went over to the other house. The woman was lying in a bed in a nicely furnished room on the second floor. Dr. Mills was bending over her, but as I came in he observed that there was no use. He pointed to a bottle of capsules on the bedside table.

"I thought it had better not touch that bottle," he said. "There are finger marks on it, and I'll guarantee it contains strychnine."

The autopsy confirmed the doctor's diagnosis. A fatal amount of strychnine was found in her stomach. Dr. Marcus' closet of poisons had been broken open and the strychnine tampered with. There were good finger prints there, too. I got some excellent photographic enlargements. Nothing else in the laboratory had apparently been touched. The doctor had very varied tastes, evidently, as I found photographic and engraving materials as well as the most elaborate chemical and medical equipment.

There were finger prints all over. I got some good ones of the doctor's, but to make certain, I developed prints from instruments no one but he had had access to. Besides, there were no other finger prints in the laboratory except the ones I took to be his and a few I afterwards found to be Mary's. I then questioned Mary, the maid. Her story was that the doctor had told her that she could go out that evening, as Mrs. Marcus was much better, and had given her tickets to a play. The only train she could get from London to the suburb they lived in was one that got there at 12:02. It was a short walk from the station, and when she got to the house she heard horrible screams. She had gone up and found her mistress dying, with both Mrs. Booth and Dr. Mills there. They often left the door unlocked.

I took her finger prints, and went home. I developed all my finger prints and looked at the bottle of capsules curiously. In what I ascertained to be Dr. Marcus' handwriting, it said, "One at Bed-time." Each of the 10 or 15 capsules contained enough strychnine to kill a horse.

My finger prints were ready, so I compared them. Prints on the capsule bottle and on the poison closet were identical, and both tallied with Mary's. The doctor's were utterly different.

I went back to the house where the tragedy had taken place, but the only important thing I found was an envelope in the waste basket in Mrs. Marcus' room, containing capsules of a harmless sedative. Mary was finally acquitted, however, as no motive was ever adduced and an English jury does not like to convict a woman on circumstantial evidence.

Several other interesting facts had come out. Dr. Marcus had been a German spy of no small importance, so it is not odd that his "lecture tour" took place just when it did, as he had in all likelihood known that war would be declared.

One day after the trial, I paid a visit to Mary. I felt somehow that there had been a mistake, and I wanted to make further investigations. My efforts at the time of the trial had been greatly hampered by the fact that her lawyer was convinced that she was guilty, and had resented what he called my misplaced zeal in trying to vindicate her. He had refused to let me see her and had convinced her that I was working against her.

With a great deal of difficulty, I managed to persuade her that I was really friendly, and begged her to allow me to question her. She finally agreed. I asked her to tell me everything she had observed in the house the day of the murder. She told me that the doctor had wakened up at 7:30 as he always did, and she had given him breakfast downstairs and taken a tray up to Mrs. Marcus. The doctor had shut himself up in his laboratory from 9 to 12, and Mrs. Marcus had worked at a tapestry. The doctor's mother had come for lunch. It seems that she detested her daughter-in-law, feeling that her constant illness was mere malingering. They had had a stormy interview until the doctor had intervened. The old lady had sent ready to leave for Germany down in the living room, while Mary helped the doctor with his packing.

"Was the mother alone downstairs?" I asked.

"Oh, yes," said Mary.

"Was the laboratory unlocked?"

"Yes, I noticed the door was open when I went down to get a duster."

"Go on," I said.

"Then the doctor asked his mother if she wouldn't come up and make up with his wife, as he did not want to go away and leave them estranged. He seemed terribly excited and insistent about it. He was awfully fond of his mother."

"Were the capsules there then?"

"Yes, he had just given them to her and told her to be sure and take one if she couldn't sleep, as she needed plenty of sleep. Then his mother came in and kissed his wife rather unwillingly, and the doctor and I went to tie up his luggage, and pretty soon the doctor went down to close up his laboratory. I came down to the kitchen just before he left and found him by the stove. He was putting something in the fire. There was a terrible fire going, and I told him it was too hot. So afterwards I lowered the fire in the range, and when I took out the ashes I found it must have been some rubber gloves that he had been burning, as I found the wrist and stubs of the fingers of one, although the rest had been burnt up."

I was in deep thought. If it had been the mother-in-law, that would account for the fact that the other pills had been discovered. She had only had time to toss them in the waste basket before someone came in. But Mary's finger prints? And the rubber gloves?

There was nothing I could do at the time of my interview with Mary, but early in 1919 I determined that I would unearth Marcus and get to the bottom of the mystery. I won't stop to recount all the vicissitudes that I went through to locate him. Finally I thought I had the doctor, anyway. The mother had died in 1917.

I took the train for Munich. On the train I studied a photograph of the doctor that Mary had given me. It was a full-length portrait that I had ascertained from several neighbors to be a perfect likeness. He was a straight, well-built man, slender, with a fine sensitive face, a long pointed nose with sculptured nostrils and a thin-tipped mouth. The brow was high and smooth and straight. He had delicate hands with long, tapering fingers, and small feet. Mary had also given me a careful description of him. He had very fine smooth skin, she said, and she was sure he was 5 feet 9, because she had seen his passport. I would be certain to know him.

When I reached my destination, a nurse opened the door, and told me that Dr. Schwartz was out. Dr. Schwartz was the man I was sure was Marcus. She asked me to come into the waiting room and I gladly accepted the opportunity to have a look around. I was in luck for the door to his office was open. I looked about the desk carefully, but everything there was thoroughly impersonal, except for a book which was lying open. It had markers in it and had been much thumbed. I looked at the title, "Cushing," it said, "The Pituitary Body."

I rushed back to the waiting room, hearing footsteps, and a man came in.

He looked at me inquiringly.

"Dr. Schwartz," I said.

"Yes," he replied.

It was not my man at all. This man was six feet tall, with great rugged, craggy features. His eyes were sunk, and his brow furrowed; he had a thick heavy nose, and great pendulous lips. His skin was thick and wrinkled and puffy, dermatous. He had large heavy hands and huge feet. He was terribly stooped and dull-eyed.

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Menus for CHRISTMAS DINNER

Fruit Cocktail
Roast Turkey Giblet Dressing
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Mashed Turnips
Cranberry Jelly
Tomato Gelatin Salad
Mince Pie
Coffee

Cream of Tomato Soup
Roast Chicken Bread Dressing
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Creamed Cauliflower
Cranberry Sauce
Celery
Bread
Butter
Fruit Salad
Date Pudding and Whipped Cream
Candy
Coffee

Shrimp Cocktail
Salted Walnuts
Roast Rabbit
Browned Potatoes
Creamed Peas and Carrots
Rolls
Currant Jelly
Fruit Salad
Pumpkin Pie
Whipped Cream
Coffee

Roast Pork
Browned Sweet Potatoes
Buttered Beets
Apple Sauce
Fruit Salad
Bread
Steamed Fruit Pudding
Orange Sauce
Coffee

Tuna Cocktail
Roast Goose
Mashed Potatoes
Creamed Cauliflower
Cranberry Jelly
Sweet Pickles
Bread
Butter
Head Lettuce and Russian Dressing
Fruit Gelatin Dessert
Whipped Cream
Salted Nuts
Coffee

Roast Duck
Mashed Potatoes
Apple Sauce
Creamed Celery
Rolls
Butter
Celery and Carrot Salad
Steamed Salsin Pudding
Hard Sauce
Coffee

Oyster Cocktail
Cheesed Walnuts
Celery Curls
Roast Turkey Chestnut Dressing
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Cranberry Frappe
Currant Jelly
Bread
Butter
Fruit Salad
Steamed Vegetable Pudding
Hard Sauce
Coffee
Raisins
Nuts
Candies

Cream of Oyster Soup
Salted Walnuts
Pickles
Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes
Chestnut Dressing
Giblet Gravy
Cranberry Sherbet
Rolls
Butter
Celery and Apple Salad
Plum Pudding and Lemon Sauce
Assorted Nuts
Coffee

Cream of Celery Soup
Salted Walnuts
Pickles
Roast Chicken Giblet Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Creamed Green Beans
Cranberry Sauce
Bread
Head Lettuce and French Dressing
Graham Cracker Pudding
Lemon Sauce
Coffee
Nuts
Candy

When I saw that as he talked to me about my purely imaginary ailments, he fingered his paper cutter, I took the liberty to put it in my pocket when his back was turned. I took out the paper cutter when I got home, and developed the beautiful finger prints with which it was covered.

They were exactly like the prints Dr. Marcus had left all over his laboratory. Who murdered Mrs. Marcus and how do you account for the confusion in finger prints?

The solution will be printed Wednesday.
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BRIDGE by RADIO



Tomorrow

Do you always know whether to play high or low on your partner's lead—and which card to lead back when you get a chance? Can you deduct card holdings from the cards that are played? Learn these details of good Bridge from this Radio game. First play it yourself; then tune in with the experts, from

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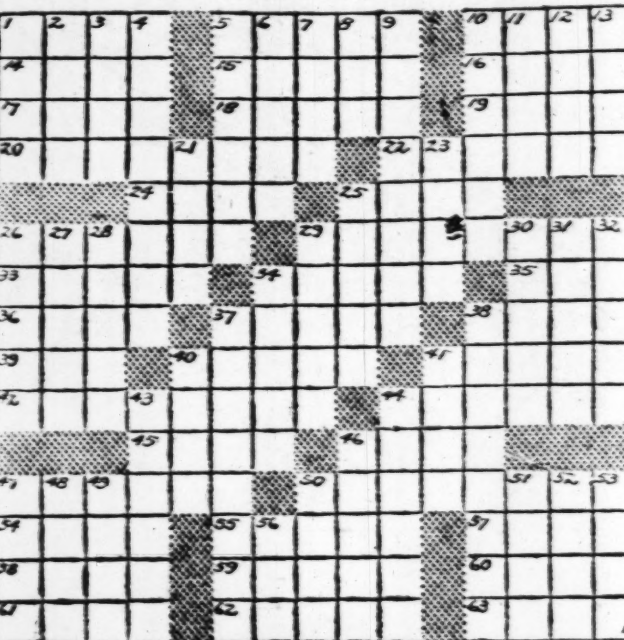
and N. B. C. Associated Stations

Walter F. Wyman, Arlington, Mass., dealer, South.	Mrs. Prescott Warren, Boston, Mass., North.
Spades—A, K	Spades—6, 5, 4, 2
Hearts—J, 10, 7, 3	Hearts—Q, 9, 8, 5
Diamonds—A, J, 2	Diamonds—K, Q, 3
Clubs—K, 8, 7, 5	Clubs—10, 9
Milton C. Work, New York, West.	Wilbur C. Whithead, New York, East.
Spades—Q, J, 7, 3	Spades—10, 9, 8
Hearts—A, K	Hearts—Q, 9, 8, 5
Diamonds—9, 7, 6	Diamonds—10, 8, 4, 3, 2
Clubs—A, Q, J	Clubs—6, 4, 3, 2

A summary of the game as broadcast will appear in this newspaper. Clip it and save it for future use.

Mr. Work says: "To thoroughly enjoy any card game use clean snappy cards."

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Summon.

2. Sidma.

3. Cleft.

4. Practical joke.

5. Pang.

6. First man.

7. Auricular.

8. Rounda.

9. In cards, a slam.

10. Overcoats.

11. Quavers.

12. Ancient weapon.

13. Colonel official.

14. Colonize.

15. Cessation.

16. Lobster trap.

17. Setback.

18. Wire measure.

19. Gold-bearing.

20. Vessel.

21. South Africa.

22. Red pepper.

23. Hoar frost.

24. Mother of Pear.

25. Gyn.

26. Pert to the Carthaginians.

27. Irritable.

28. Iterate.

29. Riquancy.

30. Roll.

31. Run around.

32. Dealer in fancy dresses.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

1. Incomplete.

2. Shaded walk.

3. College in Iowa.

4. Cultivate.

5. Torture.

6. Combats.

7. Bit.

8. Efrase.

9. Dogma.

10. Garment.

11. Compound derived from ammonia.

12. Genus, the apex.

13. Choose.

14. Melody.

15. English dry measure.

16. Broken.

17. Tribe.

18. Plague.

19. Time for payment of a bill of exchange.

20. Upright part of a cone (20).

21. Delighted in.

22. River inlet.

23. African antelope.

24. Foray.

25. Surrender.

26. Mind.

27. Ox.

28. Arrow.

29. Before.

30. Gorge.

THE BOND BETWEEN TWINS

WHEN nature sets out to produce a pair of twins one of her methods is the exact reverse of the marriage service. Instead of joining two to make one, nature divides one to make two. The chief reason why many pairs of twins are so astonishingly alike that even their own mothers get them mixed is that they are not really two individuals at all, but are two halves of one individual, split apart early in the formation of their bodies.

At a recent meeting of the Eugenics Research Association in New York, Dr. H. F. Perkins and Miss Laura Biles of the University of Vermont reported a remarkable scientific study of 15 pairs of twins. When the right hand of both twins of one of these pairs were placed on the measuring chart they were found to be identical in size and shape. Even the lines on the palms were similar. The two left hands were also the same. But when the right hand of one twin was compared with his own left hand, differences were found. The

corresponding sides of the different twins were more alike than the two sides of the same individual!

One of the most ancient ideas about twins, writes E. E. Free in Popular Science Monthly, is that there exists between them some unexplainable "mystic bond," so that one twin knows what the other is doing and lives the same kind of life. Modern science admits some truth in this idea, explaining it by the fact that some twins have exact similarity of brain as well as of body.

For example, when asked independently to draw an outline map of England from memory, twins in London began at the same point and made identical errors. In one college examination they were accused of cheating because their papers contained identical mistakes. They were exonerated only by the

German Women Ask Real Homes

THE National Federation of German Women's Organizations has arranged a series of conferences between home builders and home makers to harmonize the artistic plans of architects with the practical needs of the housewife.

The economic impoverishment of Germany, due to the war, has necessitated the construction of homes on the most economic basis possible. The architects, generally speaking, have sought a solution along two lines, one, by reducing the number and size of the rooms, the other, by standardizing the rooms and furniture.

The viewpoint of the women is that they will stand for the reduction of space only if the architect will take a leaf from America and build into the walls such accessories as closets, cupboards and kitchenettes. They propose to show to the architects just where, from the German viewpoint American ideas are applicable.

The women further believe that standardization deprives the home of its personal touch. They insist upon individuality in home outfitting, and hope that through the conferences with architects a means may be found for preserving personality in modern dwellings.

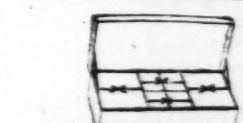
Care of Oven Glassware

THE oven glassware that is so popular with housekeepers requires attention if it is to give long service.

Because oven glass is tempered and treated to resist heat it is just as well to be careful in its use. It is so easy to just slightly warm a glass dish before subjecting it to intense heat. This can be done by gradually pouring a little hot water into the glass dish before putting in the food to be cooked, and this treatment will obviate the sudden change of temperature which is quite likely to crack the glass, even though it is supposed to be impervious to heat.

Never use ordinary glassware in the oven unless you have put it through a toughening process. This is done by setting the dish in a pan and by covering it with cold water, then bringing it to the boiling point and allowing the glass to cool in the same water.

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ETIQUETTE SUE TO LOU — With Love — By Gettier



THE HONORED GUESTS.
WHEN husband and wife attend a dinner party and are placed among different acquaintances at the table, with whom should the husband have the first dance?
1. Where would an honored gentleman guest be seated—at a dinner party?
2. With whom should the hostess have the first dance?
CONSTANT READER.
1. With any guest he chooses. Usually he does not dance the first dance with his wife.
2. An honored gentleman guest should be seated on the right of the hostess. The honored lady on the right of the host.
3. With the gentleman guest of honor.

WHO BUYS THE TICKETS?
WHEN entering a theater lobby with my fiancée, my sister and her husband, we met my fiancée's two sisters and a friend of theirs, a lady with whom I am acquainted. As neither party had bought tickets yet, was it my place to buy for the tickets for all the fiancée's two sisters and their lady friend?
As this question has started many a question, we decided to have you give us your opinion in the matter.
F. S.
You should not have paid for the seats of the fiancée and the other party, or even offered to pay for them. If you had offered, they should not have accepted your offer. They were in no sense your guests, you had not invited them to go with your party, and therefore you had no responsibility for their tickets. The meeting was by chance and therefore no "financial obligations" involved.

A MODERN PROBLEM.
IF A GIRL lives in an elevator apartment house, should her escort leave her at the entrance to the house, at the elevator, or at her own door?
2. I have never seen this question printed before and maybe it is not very important, but I should be thankful if you'll answer it for me.
I wish to say that your column is a great help to everyone—many have told me of how you have helped them in problems of etiquette. I enjoy reading it very much.
READER.
Yes, indeed, this is an important question and one which, in our modern way of apartment living, will increasingly come up. The escort should accompany the girl to the entrance of the elevator and say good night there. If, however, there is any real reason why he should accompany her to the door of her apartment, he should do so. These apartment houses have little or no light in these halls or corridors, and some girls are timid about walking in these halls unescorted, and in these cases or similar ones the man would, of course, go to the girl's door. The girl need not feel any hesitation in asking him to go with her, if she wishes.
The young man should not leave the girl at the entrance of the apartment house.
Thank you for the pleasant things you say about the helpfulness of my column. You made me happy.
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Climb Down!
FISH
Here's a new way to make Fish Cake. Climb down a rung at a time finding a word for each succeeding step that differs from its predecessor by a single letter only. Do not transpose the remaining letters and keep away from words that are obsolete, hyphenated or of foreign dialect. An answer will appear tomorrow.
Solution to Climb-Down: 1. Cam; 2. Car; 3. Ear; 4. Err; 5. Era.
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Porcelain Bunnies New
It may be well to do one's Christmas shopping early, but it is not too late to get the experienced shopper who has a few items for later purchase. Clever little things arrive steadily here and there, and frequently make one dissatisfied with earlier selections.
In the wake of the recent snow storm came some adorable bunnies in one shop, all the way from Germany. These figures done in a warm orange or a cool lemon color are in any one of several sizes. They are just a bit more appealing than the glass elephants and bulls, and decidedly more colorful.

Children's Bedtime Story
By THORNTON W. BURGESS.
BUSTER BEAR DOES A LOT OF GRUMBLING.
A little grumbling now and then Relieves the minds of bears and men.
—Old Mother Nature.

BUSTER BEAR was very much out of sorts. He didn't feel good. You see, he was not as fat as usual at this time of year. For one thing, there had been a very poor crop of beechnuts. Buster delights in fattening up on beechnuts. This meant that he had had to roam about a great deal in search of other food. He had been up on the Great Mountain and clear around on the other side.
Now it is a difficult matter to get fat while roaming about. Buster had walked off his fat almost as fast as he had made it. So here he was back in the Green Forest with only a little more fat under his skin than he had had when he left it. To add to his unhappiness, winter had held off until very late and then had come suddenly with a hard snow storm. Buster had kept right on traveling, for he wanted to get back to the Green Forest and a certain great windfall, where he meant to den up for the winter. To "den up," you know is to go to sleep for the winter.
Buster was as white as a polar bear when he reached that great windfall. No wonder Jumper the Hare took him for a ghost bear at first. Buster didn't see Jumper leap out from under that old windfall and vanish in the blinding storm. You see, Jumper's coat was as white as the snow. Buster paused at the opening that led under the great windfall. He shook himself. He shook himself hard several times. Then he crept in under that windfall. He was tired, he was still hungry and he was cross. Underneath the great windfall it was snug and comfortable. Buster raked together some leaves and fine needles and small twigs for a bed. All the time he was grumbling.
"Never did I see such weather," grumbled Buster Bear.

I am hungry? But I suppose I've got to make the best of it. A snow like this is going to last. Even if it didn't, there isn't enough to eat around here. I'm tired. Yes, sir, I'm tired. I wish I had another one of those pigs. But I guess it's a good thing I left the other side of the Great Mountain when I did. That steel trap that nearly caught me was a terrible thing. It gives me the shivers just to think of it.
By this time Buster had fixed his bed to suit him. He turned around two or three times and finally lay down with a grunt. Outside he could hear rough Brother North Wind howling and the sound of the snow sifting down through the branches. A little sifting in where he was, but he didn't mind that. Bears do not mind snow. They can sleep very comfortably buried in it. On the whole, it was very snug and comfortable in there. Buster was tired, but he wasn't sleepy yet, so he continued to grumble to himself.
"Those two-legged creatures called men are awful creatures," he grumbled. "We forest folk hunt fairly but those two-legged creatures set traps and traps are the most unfair things in the world, and they are terrible things. Any way, steel traps are. It gives me the creeps just to think of what would have happened if I had stepped in that trap and those great jaws had caught me in the leg. The more I see of those two-legged creatures the less I want to have to do with them. I hope I shall be able to sleep clear through until spring. I wish I had more fat under my coat. I can see where I am going to be a hungry bear when I come out in the spring. There won't be much fun in waking up then. Ho, hum! I suppose I might as well go to sleep now as later."
Buster yawned two or three times and then, because he was really very tired, and because it was warm and snug in there under the great windfall, Buster closed his eyes and went to sleep right in the midst of his grumbling. It would be a long time—many weeks—before the Green Forest would see Buster Bear again.
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Kitchen Kinks
Try mixing grated sharp cheese with chili sauce and spread on slices of bread. Toast under the broiler until the cheese is melted and serve hot as a canapé.
The crust of your home-made bread will be lovely and soft if the top of the loaf is rubbed with butter about 10 minutes before removing it from the oven.
Pork requires more cooking than any other meat.
The real English meat pie is not complete without a bit of sage.
Foods containing milk, brown sugar and molasses are more apt to scorch during the cooking process. Give them a little extra attention.
The best quality milk can be made unwholesome by careless handling in the house.
Hot chocolate sauce served with the cottage pudding makes a pleasant change from the usual hard or lemon variety.
Grease the baking pot with a piece of salt pork or bacon before putting in the beans and the pot will be much easier to clean.
When ironing garments with buttons or snaps use Turkish toweling or several thicknesses of blanket and lay garment button side down on this. The buttons will sink into the soft padding and leave a smooth surface to iron.

Ring's Side
By Ring Lardner
Christmas Card—
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.
To George M. Cohan, Harold Lloyd, Walter Huston, Willie Heston, St. John Ervine, Sigmund Freud, Harding Tost, May Wilson Preston.
Miller Huggins, John McGraw.
Eugene Buck and Marion Hollins.
Texas Guinan, Harry Thaw, Eddie Cantor, Eddie Collins, Wild Bill Rogers and the Stones, Groucho Marx and all his brothers.
Grover Whalen, Bobby Jones, Margie Baer and many others: I've been sending, recent Tules, cards of my own composition. Funny as the football rules or a veteran mortician. Written out by my own hand. With a maximum of labor. Personally blotted and mailed to every friend and neighbor. In some precincts here and there they were hailed with loud Huzzahs. Cries of "goody" rent the air. Staid old stuffs forgot their manners. And this writer must confess that the said appreciation thrilled his bosom hardly less than a Whiteman orchestration. Put in other ports and climates, spots too numerous to mention, those to whom I sent my rhymes paid them not the least attention. Countless thousands, East and West, answered neither with a card nor ten-word telegram addressed to a lonely lad named Lardner. Was this whole-souled negligence grateful to me? No, it wasn't. Does the praise make recompense for the pain? I fear it doesn't. And this Christmas I'll not spend precious time or novel notion on each relative and friend in Los Angeles or Gothen. Being snubbed is what I hate; I just cannot bear a slighting: so for 1928 this is all the card I'm writing. Folks who feel they simply must get my greetings in some shape or count the holidays a bust—Well, they'll have to buy this paper.
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Better Peanut Butter
ONE housewife has discovered a way to prevent peanut butter from sticking to the roof of the mouth.
She soaks one teaspoonful of granulated gelatin in two table-spoonfuls of cold water and dissolves it in a cup of hot milk. With a wooden spoon she gradually and thoroughly works the milk into half a pound of peanut butter, then she pours the mixture into round wet moulds and when it comes solid the family eat it with a relish and pronounce it a great improvement on the original article.
Really Sanitary.
The walls in the play room or nursery should be painted to be thoroughly practical. Then little fingerprints can be washed off easily and the room will always look clean. If you do not care for the plain appearance of painted walls, have a design stenciled around the top as a border, using designs appropriate to children.
Roast pork will have a crisp, brown skin if it is rubbed with a little salt before being put into the oven.

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Florida Plume Birds Are On the Increase
WHILE there is no doubt that great damage was done to the bird life of the Everglades during the recent terrible hurricane in Florida, it is encouraging to know, from a report made to the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture by Game Protector J. V. Kelsey, that there are still numbers of beautiful plume birds in this region.
About a month after the storm Mr. Kelsey made a trip through the Lake Okechobee region, and had an opportunity to witness a rare and beautiful sight, one that a bird lover might expect to see but once in a lifetime. At a point about 10 miles east and north of Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, and as far as Pahokee, in all a distance of about 25 miles there were thousands of American egrets and snowy egrets, stretching away into the overgrown country as far as one could see. It was impossible to estimate the number of these beautiful birds. Within 100 yards of Belle Glade not less than 300 snowy egrets fed unharmed.
While there seemed no reason for these birds gathering in such vast numbers in this territory, the sight was positive proof that the plume birds of Florida have benefited by the protection afforded them under the migratory bird treaty act.

Left-Overs
LEFT-OVER broth can be kept indefinitely if heated to the boiling point and poured into fruit jars with the same precautions used for canning fruit.
In the form of lamb patties is a simple way to serve left-over lamb. Bake shells of pie crust in the muffin pans and keep hot. Dip the lamb, heat it the gravy and fill the shells with this.

Clean the Machine
A SEWING machine will give better service if kept perfectly clean. This is usually a much dreaded task, but it need not be a laborious or unpleasant task if you own a vacuum cleaner and have a blower attachment.
Simply attach the blower and you will see dust, lint, threads and other accumulations fly out speedily. In fact, the machine can be cleaned in two minutes, while by the old method it required five times that long plus considerable exertion, which is entirely done away with by using the vacuum.

Put all kitchen utensils to soak as soon as emptied.

These Go Together
Roast chicken with dressing, potatoes roasted in pan with chicken, boiled sweet potatoes, mashed turnips, vegetable or fruit salad and steamed pudding with hard sauce or whipped cream.
Roast pork, brown gravy, mashed or rice potatoes, baked squash, lettuce with Russian dressing and steamed rice pudding with egg sauce.
Oxtail soup, break sticks, currant eggs, rice border, cauliflower salad and bread and butter pudding with raisins, hard sauce.
Turkey saute with peas, potatoes, mashed with turnips, mayonnaise of celery and mince pie.
Fried scallops, tartare sauce, French fried potatoes, lima beans, cold slaw and snowballs with creamy sauce.
Further Use.
In these days of slips, it is well to look over the shabby dress cabinet before giving it away. Many times it can be changed into a slip and all worn places discarded.

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The FORTUNATE WAYFARER

by E. Phillips Oppenheim

INSTALLMENT XIII. MARTIN CONTINUES HIS EVOLUTION.

"LL right," he asserted briefly.

"His breezy visitor lit another cigarette and departed. Martin, left alone, in his armchair, took himself almost savagely to task for that queer sense of distaste with which he contemplated the evening's program. After all, Perry Quilland had been—still must be—his friend. He belonged to his own class, the class among which he had lived all his life; the only class to which he had any pretensions. Money, money, couldn't really make any difference. He was still Martin Barnes, ex-commercial traveler, instead of commercial traveler—the same thing in effect, if not in circumstances."

He picked up the Times and turned without any conscious effort of will to the society column, scanning a list of guests at a great ball on the previous night. Yes, she had been there—"Lady Blanche Bingham, with her mother, the Duchess of Andover"—and further down on the list "The Honorable Gerald Garnham." He threw the paper on one side. It was three weeks since he had met them both in the park and been marched off to give them lunch and afterwards to put himself under Gerald Garnham's tutelage—three weeks since he had visited that amazing little dwelling house in the news and been given a cocktail. Since then he had seen nothing of either of them. They were both in London because it was from a friend of Garnham's that Martin had taken the flat. Lady Blanche's interest in him had passed away as quickly as it had come. It was all perfectly natural, just as it should be, he assured himself. Their half-mocking friendship had only irritated and disturbed him. He was better without it.

He walked up and down the room for a minute or two and then picked up the paper again, attracted by the sight of Lord Ardington's name. There was a little paragraph concerning him at the foot of the society news, under the heading of "Distinguished Invalids."

"The Earl of Ardington, who has made an amazing recovery from his very serious operation, left the nursing home at Norwich today for Ardington Park."

At 11 o'clock Martin took a lesson in driving a car. His preceptor was distinctly encouraging.

"You won't want any more lessons now, Mr. Barnes," he announced. "Why not make up your mind and let us send the coupe round tomorrow?"

"I haven't a garage yet," Martin demurred.

"We'll look after it free for a month for you," the young man offered eagerly. "And we'll round to your rooms whenever you telephone."

"Very well," Martin decided. "I'll bring you a check round this afternoon."

The salesman drew a sigh of relief. Thousand-pound coupes took some selling.

"That will be all right," he exclaimed. "I'll have her tuned up and put in perfect order. Come across the road and have a cocktail, won't you?"

Martin hesitated for a moment. The young man was all very well in his way—a little reminiscent of subjugated Percy Quilland, but would he have asked Gerald Garnham, for instance, to have a cocktail after he had sold him a car? Martin set this heel upon the idea almost fiercely—another lapse into intrusive snobishness.

"I'd like one very much," he asserted.

They descended to the Ritz grill-room and sat for some time in the lounge. The young man, after his second cocktail, had to hurry away to report his good fortune. But Martin lingered. He had been frequenting the better class restaurants lately—always alone, always to tell the truth, a little lonely. He had never yet ventured upon the Ritz. While he hesitated he remembered Lady Blanche having said that it was her favorite restaurant—or perhaps the fact had been subconsciously been in his mind all the time. He washed his hands, straightened his tie, climbed the stairs and made his way along the vestibule to the restaurant. A maître d'hôtel took him entirely as a matter of course.

"A table for one, sir?"

"If you will come this way."

Martin had learned by now to order what he wanted without hesitation—had made amazing progress in fact, in the trifles. The place was fairly crowded, but there were still one or two empty tables. He ate his lunch slowly, watching the people and trying to submit himself to self-discipline. It could not by any possibility, he told himself, make the slightest difference to him whether Lady Blanche or the Honorable Gerald Garnham chose to lunch at the Ritz that day, yet when she appeared in the doorway with a company of strangers and presently moved down the room, he felt a quick, poignant start, followed by the complete loss of indifference. Twice she stopped to speak to friends as it changed that

when she reached his table she was alone. His heel burrowed its way into the carpet as he watched her approach. She glanced at him and for a single horrible moment he thought that she was going to look away and pass on. Then she appeared to recognize him and came to an abrupt standstill. He rose mechanically to his feet. He had prepared three or four sentences, every one of which he forgot.

"You disappointing person!" she exclaimed.

"Why, yes, I thought your period of evolution would be much longer. Here you are at the Ritz—the finished article—one of us!"

"So am I," she rejoined. "You see, I am afraid you won't be amusing any longer. Never mind. Come and have a cocktail with me one day."

She flung him a careless little nod and passed on, the smile upon her lips hand to his, indifferent, only gracious. A perambulating maître d'hôtel paused to fill his glass from the half bottle of white wine. It occurred to him almost bitterly that the notice of Lady Blanche had altered his status in the man's eyes—a fact which filled him with purposeful resentment.

He finished his luncheon, paid his bill and left the place. The wrong atmosphere for him, he decided. He welcomed with a sort of half-anxious satisfaction the thought of his evening with Percy Quilland—certainly his natural and proper companion.

SAMPLE OF OLD TIMES.

NEVERTHELESS, the cheerfulness with which Martin greeted his companion for the evening at the cosmopolitan bar was entirely assumed. Percy Quilland's interpretation of evening dress was a long and rather badly made dress coat, a shirt with one stud hole which was continually escaping the confines of his waistcoat, a clumsily arranged white tie, and boots apparently selected for their wearing qualities rather than for any grace of form. Both during the half an hour at the bar and afterwards at the dinner table, Martin took himself severely to task for what he insisted to himself must be a new-born and unreasoning distaste for his companion's color, his manners, his general lack of the small refinements of life. Percy Quilland had been an acceptable enough companion a few weeks ago; it was ridiculous for him to set up new standards simply because money had changed his way. He himself could not have changed in the time; neither could the man whom he had been used to consider his friend. A month ago he would have contemplated an evening such as the one which lay before him with indifference, even with pleasurable anticipation. From the moment, however, when the champagne—the arrival of which his companion watched with glowering eyes—had made its appearance, and they were seated down at their table, he knew instinctively that the evening was destined to form one of the landmarks of his life.

"Say, wouldn't Ned Weishman like to be in on this?" Percy Quilland, who since his return from America, had shown a tendency to indulge in some of the more obvious terms of American slang, exclaimed. "He knocks about a bit but he's not too much as he was and I don't think he often sees one of those chaps."

Martin glanced without enthusiasm at the man of the champagne, while he was replying in an ice-pail by their side.

"Well, we've got to celebrate," he said. "I haven't made any plans yet, but I don't suppose I shall be hanging about London very long."

"It's a pretty good place," the other observed, watching the filling of his glass with satisfaction. "You can say what you like about the old village, Martin, but if I had your money I jolly well know where I would spend it."

"Have you heard this one?" Chap told it to me in New York.

A succession of stories followed which to Martin seemed singularly devoid of humor. He kept up his role of assiduous host, however, and the service of dinner progressed, entirely to Percy Quilland's satisfaction. Toward its close, he leaned back in his chair and laughed uproariously.

"Can't help it, old chap," he exclaimed, wiping his eyes. "I was thinking about Maisie. Kind of hard luck on her, but she did ask for it."

Martin was suddenly thoughtful.

"We're selfish devils about women, Percy. It seems to me," he confided. "If they make a slip, we couldn't forgive them even if we wanted to, but we take anything ourselves that comes along quite naturally."

"It's human nature," Percy Quilland declared. "Men have got the upper hand. There's no getting away from it. Reprehensible of their sex, I suppose, and the dominant part of ours."

To Be Continued.

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If there are finger marks on the windows or mirrors you need not clean the entire surface. Just dip a cloth in ammonia and rub lightly over the spots.

On the Air Tonight

THE 5:30 concert over WLW will bring:

Ballet of Flowers.....Ballet
Two Memory Tunes.....
Ballets for Olean.....
Two Guitars.....Ballets

John Keating, first tenor; John Young, second tenor; George Reardon, baritone, and Frederic Thompson, bass, will be featured in the RKO broadcast over KWK at 6:30.

Harvey S. Firestone is to address the radio audience as a feature of the weekly "Voice of Firestone" broadcast over KSD at 7 o'clock. He will speak from Miami, Fla., a few moments after the opening of the program. Miami will be the focus of wide radio networks during his address, at the conclusion of which listeners will be switched back to New York.

The program:

Minors: Tenor and Orchestra.
Children's Chorale.....Herbert
(a) March of the Toys.....
(b) Didn't You Believe.....
(c) Parade the Woods.....

College Group—Wagner Song.
(a) March of the Toys.....
(b) Didn't You Believe.....
(c) Parade the Woods.....

Classical Group—(a) A Sprig of Love.....
Christmas Carol Group.....
(a) It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.....

Woodward Springs, Ham and Vinegar.
Male Chorus: Vienna De Leath.
(a) Alpine Flutes.....
Medley Group—From Hops Fugue.....

(a) Selections from Hops Fugue.....
Pavilion Band: Male Chorus, Orchestra.
Closing theme: Memory Lane.

The Ten Dancing Christmas
Eves will be broadcast over KMOX at 7 o'clock.

The A. and P. Gypsies' Christmas
concert over KSD at 7:30 will bring this program:

Temple Bells Ring On.....
The Christmas Tree.....
For Strings.....

Solo: Christmas Bells.....
First Solo: Special Arrangement.....
Popular Dance: Special Arrangement.....

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A Christmas Eve program by the
Duo Discs will be heard over KWK at 7:30.

The program:

Haps.....
In the Silence of the Night.....
What Did You Want Christmas?
Toriand.....

Credle Song.....
March of the Toys.....
Christmas Overture.....
Everybody Loves You.....

Sleep, Baby, Sleep.....
Holy Night.....
Dance of the Toys.....

The Ceco Couriers program
over KMOX at 7:30, is as follows:

To the Top.....
The Solider Falls and.....
Glorious.....
On the Sunny Side.....

In the Hall of the Mountain King.....
Some of the Toys.....
Christmas Reading.....
March of the Toys.....

March of the Toys.....
Men's Voices and Orchestra.....

A Christmas program for children
is scheduled in the Lantry
broadcast at 8 o'clock over KMOX.

The program will include:

Candy Sticks.....
Christmas Bells.....
Mother Goose Parade.....
Medley of Child Songs.....

Jack and Jill.....
Medley of Children's Songs.....
The Toys.....
Bo-Pop.....

The weekly General Motors Family
Party broadcast over KSD will
begin at 8:30. Marie Kureko, soprano,
and Everett Marshall, baritone,
of the Metropolitan Opera
will be soloists.

The Real Folks will be heard,
trimming a Christmas tree, in their
broadcast at 8:30 over KWK.

The Vitaphone Christmas broadcast
over KMOX, is scheduled to
begin at 8:30.

"A Christmas Carol" by Dickens
will be given over KMOX at 9
o'clock.

An unusual Christmas program,
"Noel Antiquity," is to be presented
over KSD at 9:30. Bohemian,
French and German carols of
hundreds of years ago are listed in
the program as follows:

Sonata.....
Come All Ye.....
Minuet.....
Prelude.....

The Carols, over KMOX at
9:30, will sing, "O Come All Ye
Faithful." "It Came Upon the
Midnight Clear," "Oh Little Town
of Bethlehem," and "While Shepherds
Watched Their Flocks by Night."

Arthur Zach, cellist, is to play
this music over WLW at 9:30.
Andreas (Soprano).....
Soprano.....
Alto.....
Tenor.....
Bass.....

Henry Selinger, one of the finest
of Chicago's violinists, will play
over WGN at 9:30.

A program of Phil Spitalay's
music may be heard at 10 o'clock
over KSD.

Christmas Carols will be broad-

CHAIN PROGRAMS TONIGHT

National Broadcasting Co. Red.
6:00—KEMP'S MANGER ORCHESTRA—
WEAF.
6:30—JAMES MACDONALD—WEAF.
7:00—JACKSON BUCK—KSD, WEAF.
7:30—A. & P. GYPSIES—KSD, WEAF.
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AT 29TH STREET
"DAY DANCES"
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PHOTOPLAY THEATERS

THEATERS
SHOWS!
at Skouras Theaters:
the Holiday pres-
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We're genuinely
for this glorious
magnificent and

DOOR SEVENTH
LOCUS!
HOT
SOUP!
Girlie Sue
Steps Fast!

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GRAND AT WASHINGTON

SENSATIONAL!
The Sound Hit That
Set Broadway Afire
Now in Picture Like It
It Has Everything!

A Mighty Drama Called
SUBMARINE

With Three Screen Favorites at the
Peak of Their Careers
JACK HOLLY
Dorothy Revier—Ralph Currier
It's Breaking Records
Everywhere!

THE COURT OF
CLERKS
A Comedy of
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With
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Everywhere!

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—Laughed and
—and Told Their
About Him—

WRONG!
SON
ING FOOL

With
Lee as "Sonny Boy"
NOW PLAYING
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2:30 to 11 P. M.

SKOURAS BROS.
MIDTOWN
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is ever screened—
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N in "JAWS OF STEEL"
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NOBODY KNOWS

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2th & Washington
DREAM
OF LOVE

with
JOAN CRAWFORD
NELS ANSTER
Allison Pringle

HEAR VANT AND
SCHERER
Miller and Lytle

KMAS FANTASY
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Ernest Harce

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

The Post-Dispatch reserves the right to reject any query. Personal and telephone calls or answers by mail cannot be given attention, except letters on medical questions of undoubted sincerity when accompanied by stamped, addressed envelope.

O. C. M.—Dec. 2, 1928. Was Thursday, July 19, 1928, was Tuesday.

CARES TO LEARN.—Ask some of the firms listed under Window Display Services Companies, in the classified (yellow pages) section of the telephone directory, about the best way to learn window trimming. Interior decorating is taught at Washington University, and other schools.

A. V.—It is not possible to say how old the platter is without comparing the mark on it to many "hall marks" known to be on old silver. However, you may have opportunity to do this. Ask in the Art Room of the Library at 1301 Olive street for such books as give the hall marks on antique ware and examine them.

A. G. F.—Write the principal manufacturers of records about the names which dealers have been unable to locate without the name, giving them that it is in the descriptive of the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava. Also ask for their earlier catalogues. These sometimes give descriptive matter by which you might locate the record. Get their addresses from the current catalogues at dealers. If this publication results in any information it will be forwarded to you.

E. D. A.—The longest steel arch in the world is in the Hell Gate Bridge, which includes a 1000-foot span. The total length of the bridge is about three miles, from East 141st street, New York City, across Kew-Forest and Ward's Islands, to Astoria, L. I. Some of the largest spans of various types are in Stone arches, in Paulsen, Germany, a span of 252.3 feet.

LEGAL INFORMATION
(By a Member of the St. Louis Bar Association)

UNDESIGNED.—One designated as "Miss B." should have the marriage annulled. Consult a lawyer.

GENEVA.—You can collect the insurance now in all probability. Consult a lawyer.

A. H.—You can claim the property in question, but it will probably be necessary to file an equity suit. Consult a lawyer.

A. L. M.—The youngest age at which a man can marry without consent of parents is 21. His birth certificate would not be necessary.

F. X. R.—Consult the Park Commissioner's office in the City Hall, as to training a bird dog on a rope in the park.

FORTY-THREE E. S.—Apply to the Board of Equalization in the City Hall about taxes you believe to be too high.

MEDICAL QUESTIONS

Health and sanitation questions of public interest only will be considered. Diagnosis or treatment of individual cases will not be given.

THANK YOU.—For itching skin: Carbolic acid, 15 drops; bicarbonate of soda, 45 grains; glycerine, one ounce; mix and apply on a soft cloth as often as necessary to relieve itching. Keep the bowels moving regularly. A tonic of the kind you ask for is Arsenated Hemaloid, two teaspoonfuls to be taken in a wine glass of water three times daily after meals.

MRS. J.—Such a "creaking" sound of the knee as mentioned may be from muscles and tendons moving over each other. Gentle massage, mild and systematic motion.

COME ONE! COME ALL!
1ST ANNUAL JUBILEE!
JOINT CELEBRATION
REOPENING TAP
RAILROAD COMPLETION
HIGH HAT FLUME

LET'S TRY CLEMENTINE NEXT—

WHY I JUST PLAYED THAT!!

THE SILVER CORNET BAND PRACTICING FOR THE EVENT

Bobby Thatcher—By George Storm

"There'll Be a Hot Times, Etc."

The Nebbs—By Sol Hess

The Night Before Christmas.

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Dumb Dora—By Chic Young

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Leftover Mashed Potatoes.

Some people always use up the leftover mashed potatoes in patty cakes and these are apt to prove a little monotonous. Try mixing them with a little cream and 1 beaten egg, piling in a buttered casserole, sprinkling with grated cheese and baking in the oven until a golden brown on top.

Remember the radiator brush when about to clean the coil springs of the bed.

Time Table for Fish

FISH is sufficiently cooked when it can be easily separated from the bone, but the inexperienced cook will find the time table a convenience:

Boiling thick fish such as mackerel, per pound.....15 min.

Boiling thin fish such as flounder.....10 min.

Baking thick fish, per pound.....10 to 15 min.

Baking thin fish, per pound.....8 to 10 min.

Broiling small fish...5 to 7 min.

Broiling fish slices...10 to 15 min.

Frying fillet or steaks...4 to 7 min.

Frying small fish such as smelts or trout.....3 to 5 min.

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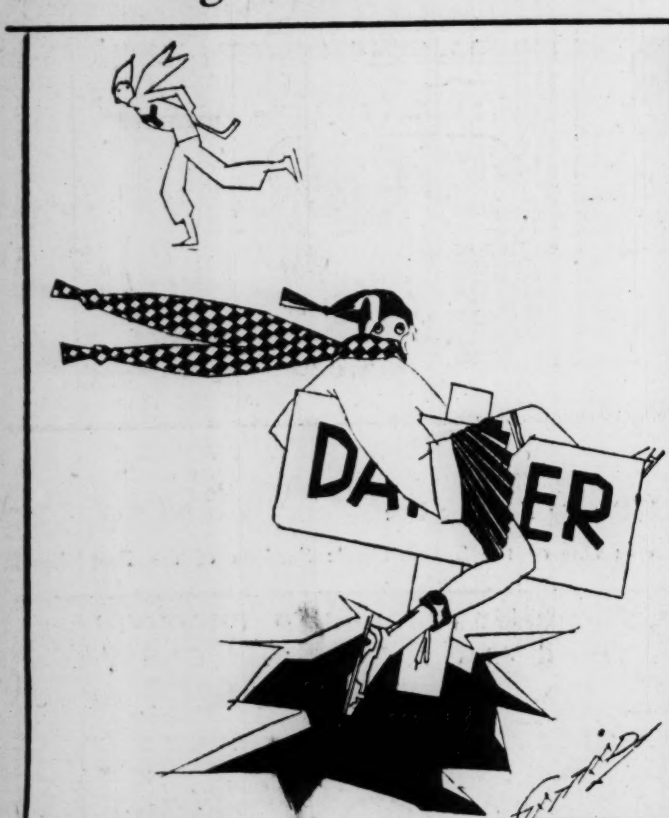
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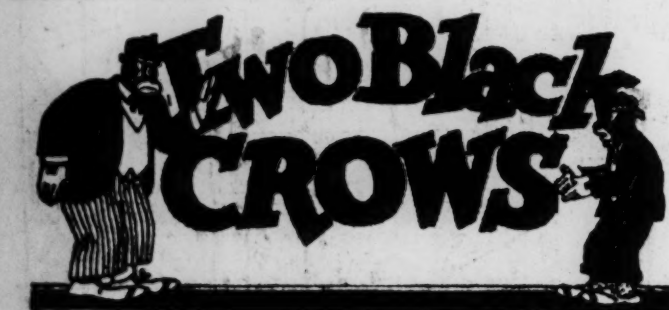
Fritzi Ritz—By Bushmiller



Moralizing Martha—By Gettier



"It is the present," says Moralizing Martha, "that determines whether you shall have a future or a past."



MORAN AND MACK.
Moran: Big Boy, whatcha gettin' for Christmas?
Mack: Th' butcher sent me a calendar.
Moran: He told me he sent yo' a bill.
Mack: Well, that's a calendar.
Moran: How come?
Mack: He sends it every month.
Moran: Why don't yo' pay yo' bills?
Mack: Silly, if I paid my bills, I'd be th' loneliest man in th' world.
Moran: How's that, Big Boy?
Mack: Nobody would have no reason to write to me.
Moran: Whatcha goin' to find in yo' stockin' tomorrow?
Mack: I'll be lucky if I find my toes in 'em. I'm through with you, anyway.
Moran: Didn't yo' say yo'd stick to me 'til th' last dollar?
Mack: Yes, but I didn't say anything about dimes.

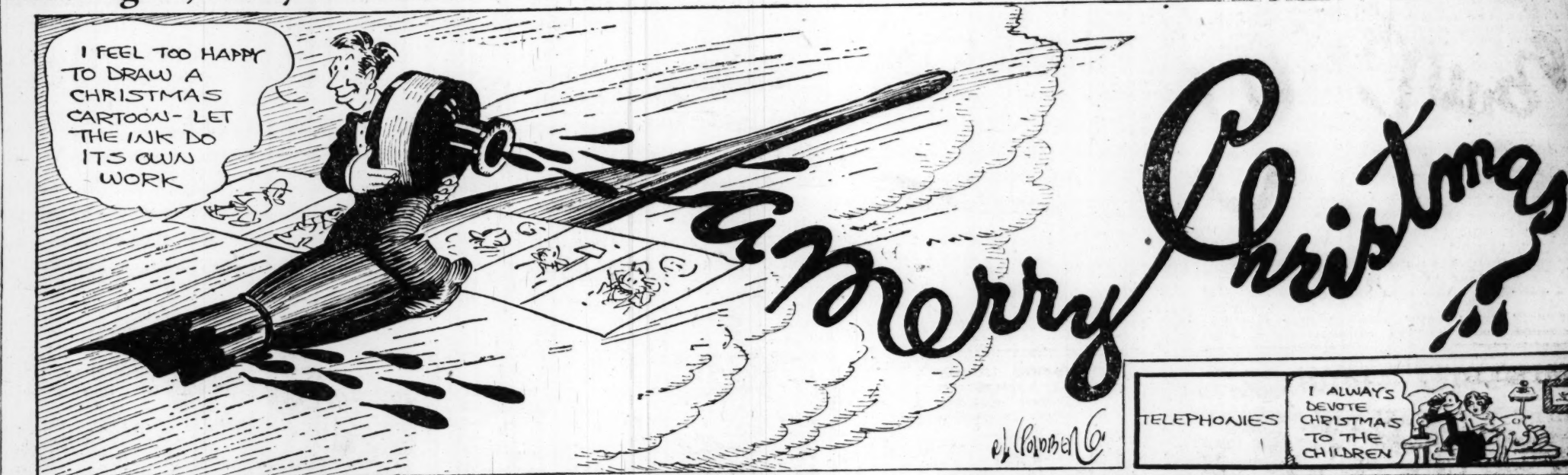
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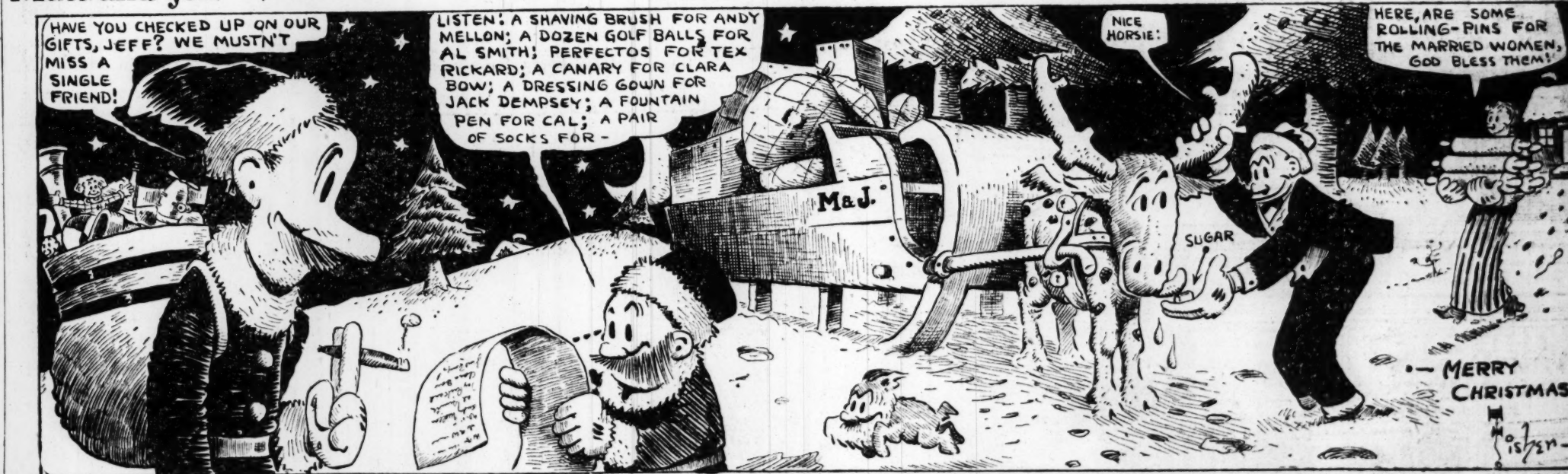
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And Again, Many of Them—By Rube Goldberg



Mutt and Jeff—By Bud Fisher



Bringing Up Father—By George McManus

